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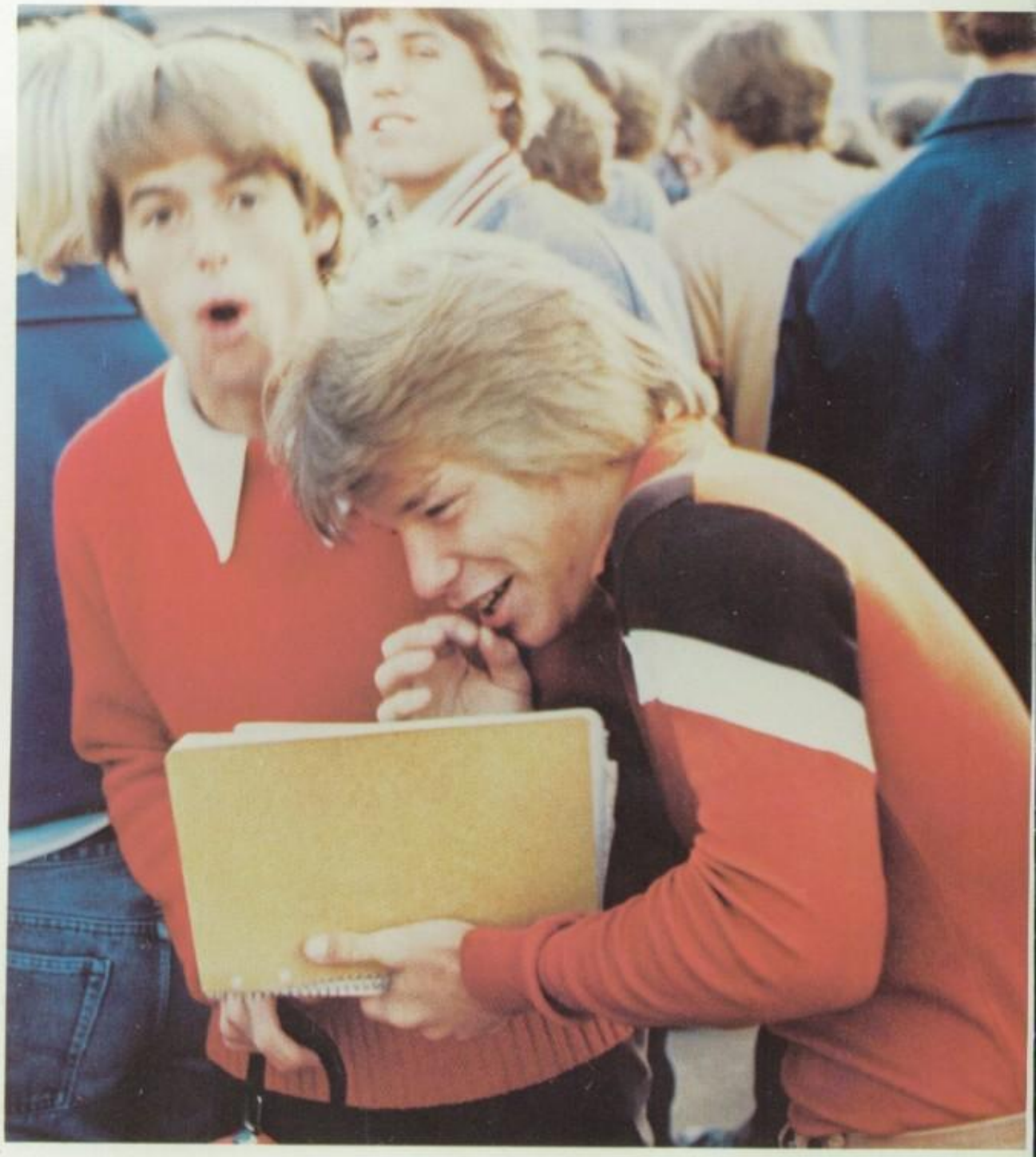
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield

The high school years are exciting years which one remembers warmly throughout his life. They are years marked by aspiration. They are also years when one searches for knowledge about his existence and often joyfully discovers clues. The high school student is remarkable, for he refuses to suffer defeat amid difficult circumstances. He maintains high spirit and finds satisfaction in his struggles. The 1979 Somecka attempts to capture one year of students' fervor as they learn about themselves and others in an enduring, hopeful way.



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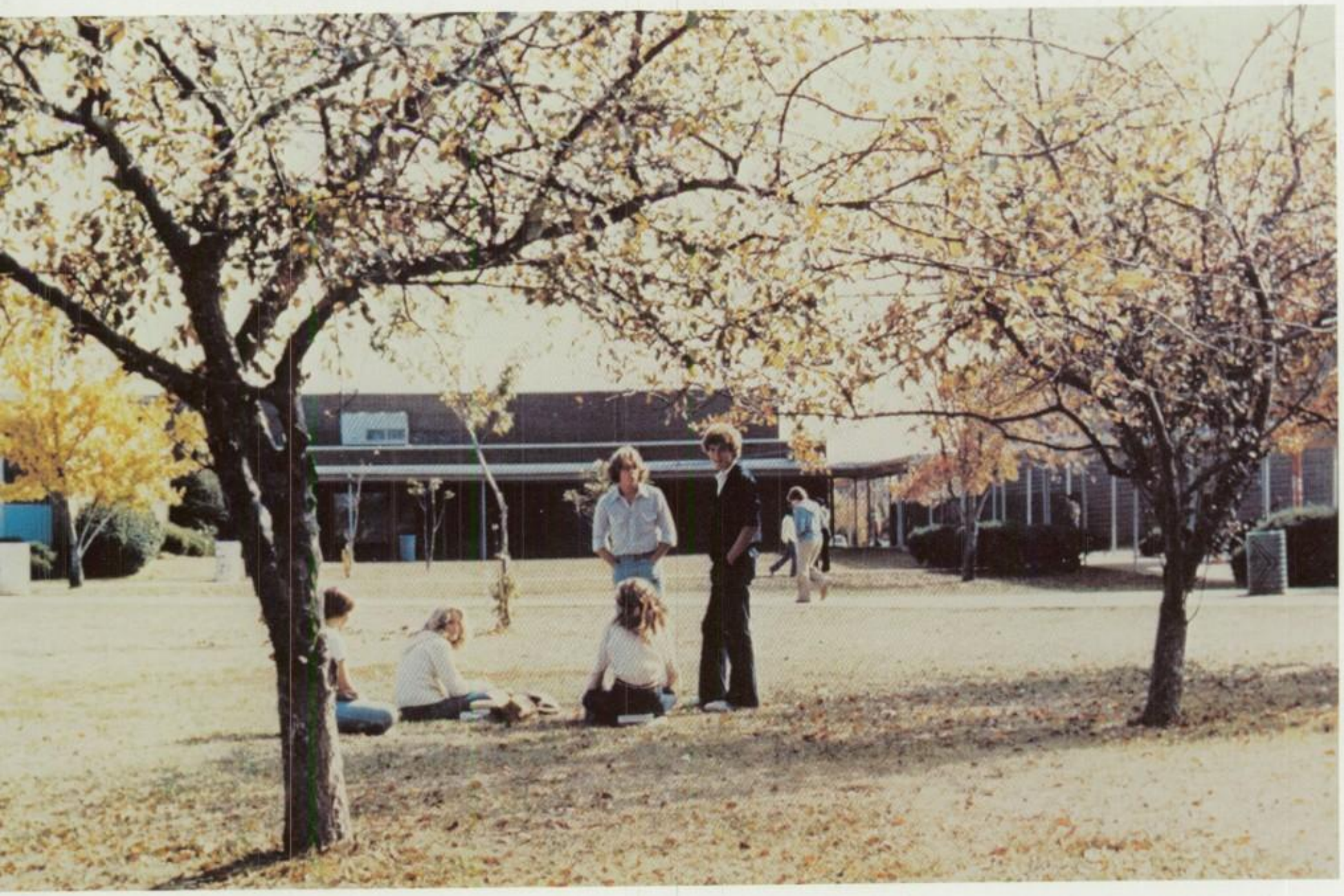
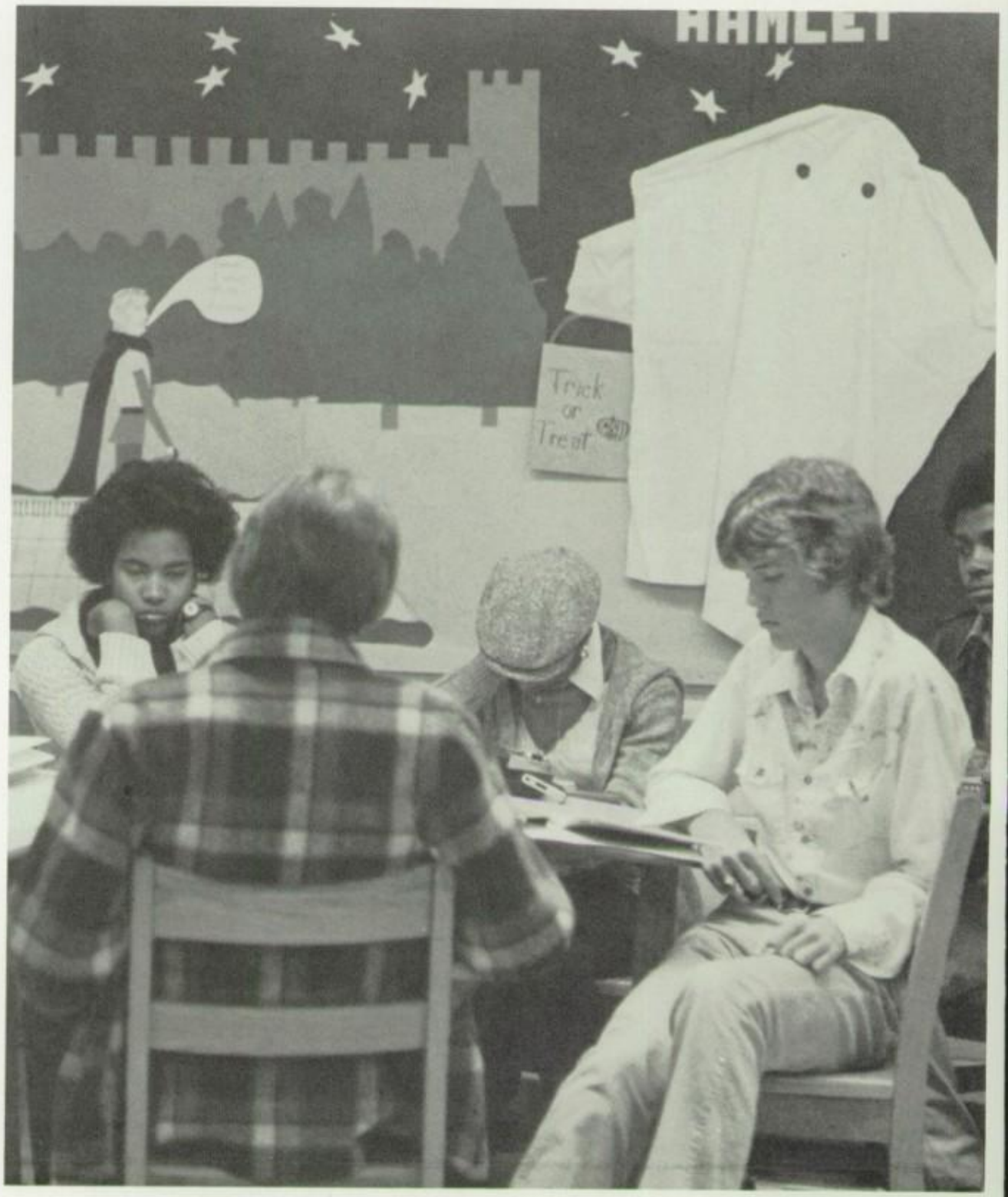


Endeavoring to succeed causes difficulty and even pain, but experiencing accomplishment gives special delight

Aiming to improve oneself is a universal trait. The high school student labors particularly hard to do so. He attempts to be successful in whatever he does, whether it be academics, sports, or other activities. He aims to make new friends and to be accepted. He feels good about himself when he knows he has tried his best, and he particularly enjoys those times when he finds success.



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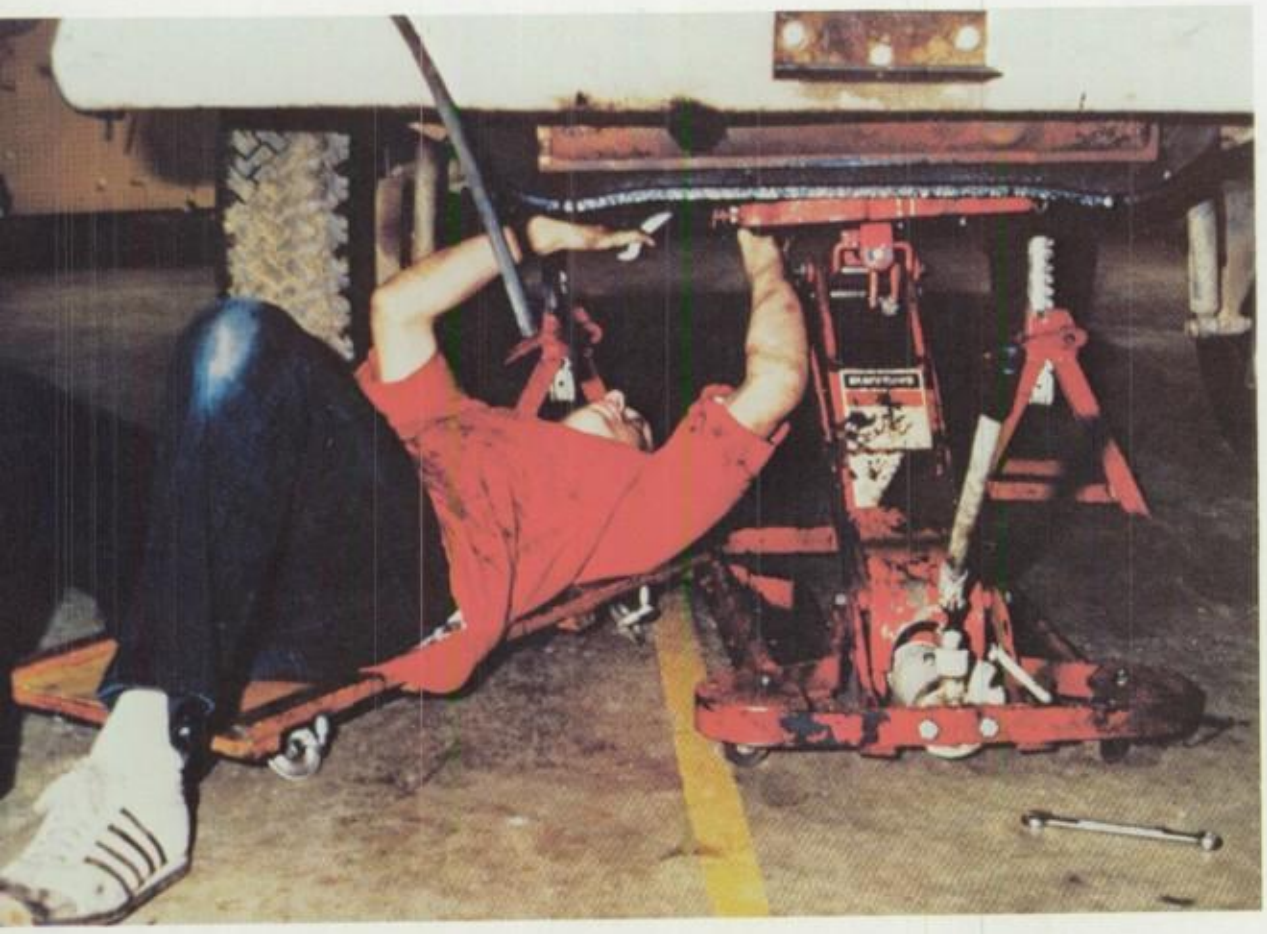
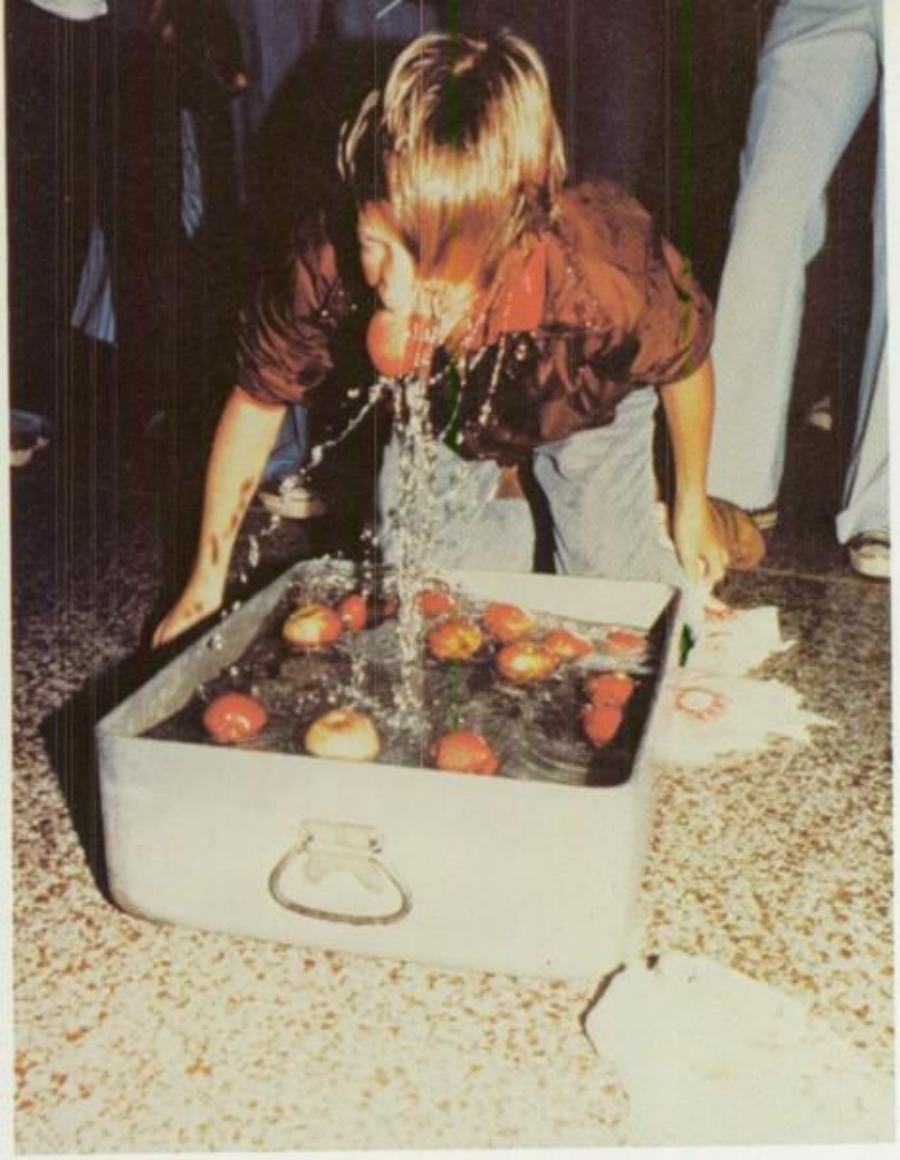


Inquiring about life and uncovering new ideas offers a satisfying realization

The pursuit of answers to questions concerning oneself and his relationship to others and the comtemplation of the world one inhabits, is quite a challenge. Expanding the mind as a result of school experiences and synthesizing explanations offers great fulfillment.

Persistence results in the pleasure of achieving goals which were fundamentally discouraging

The difficulty encountered while aiming to achieve and while searching for values often causes despair. The high school student typically refuses to surrender. His refusal to let fatigue or emotions take over eventually ends with the ultimate contentment of accomplishment.



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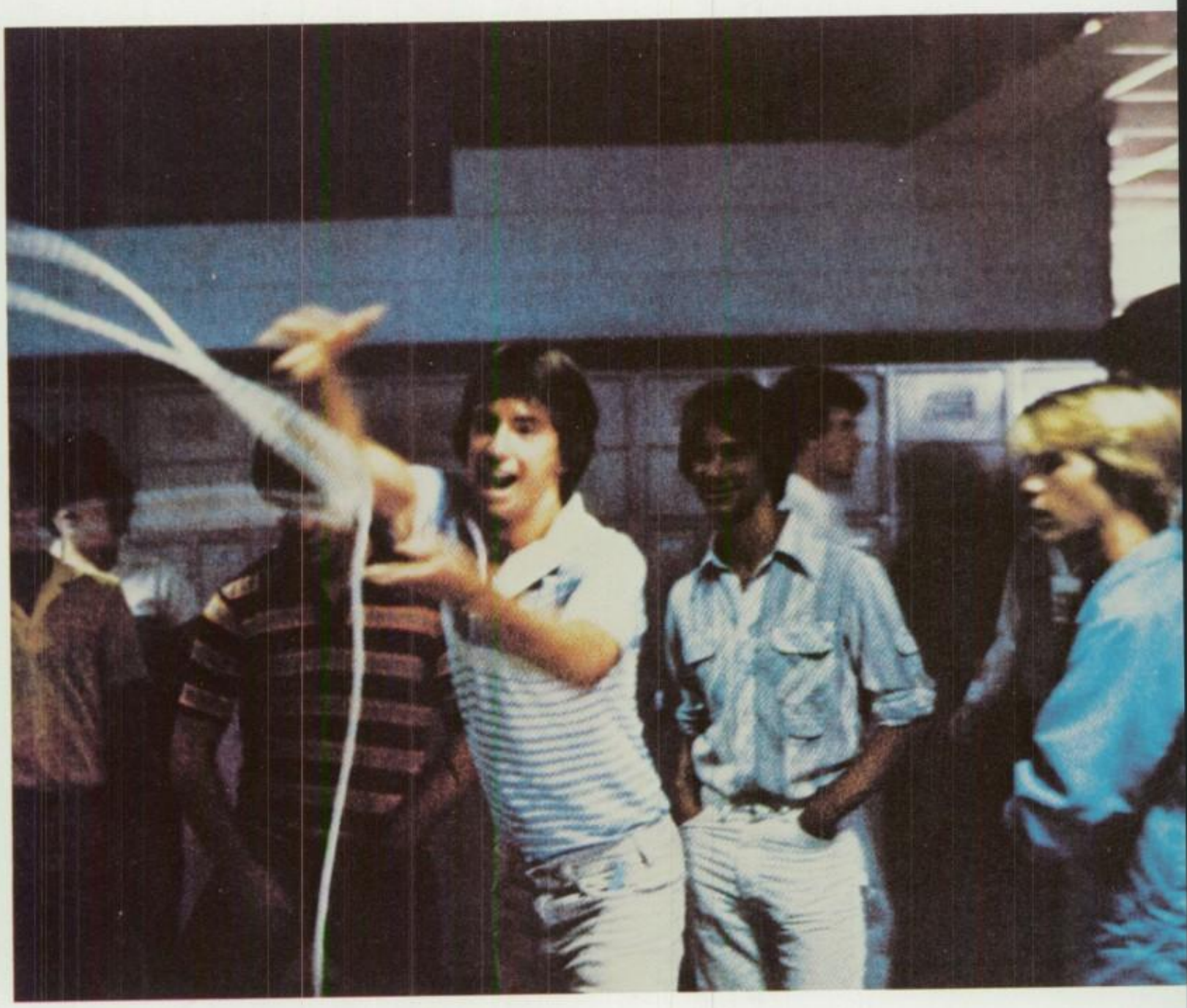
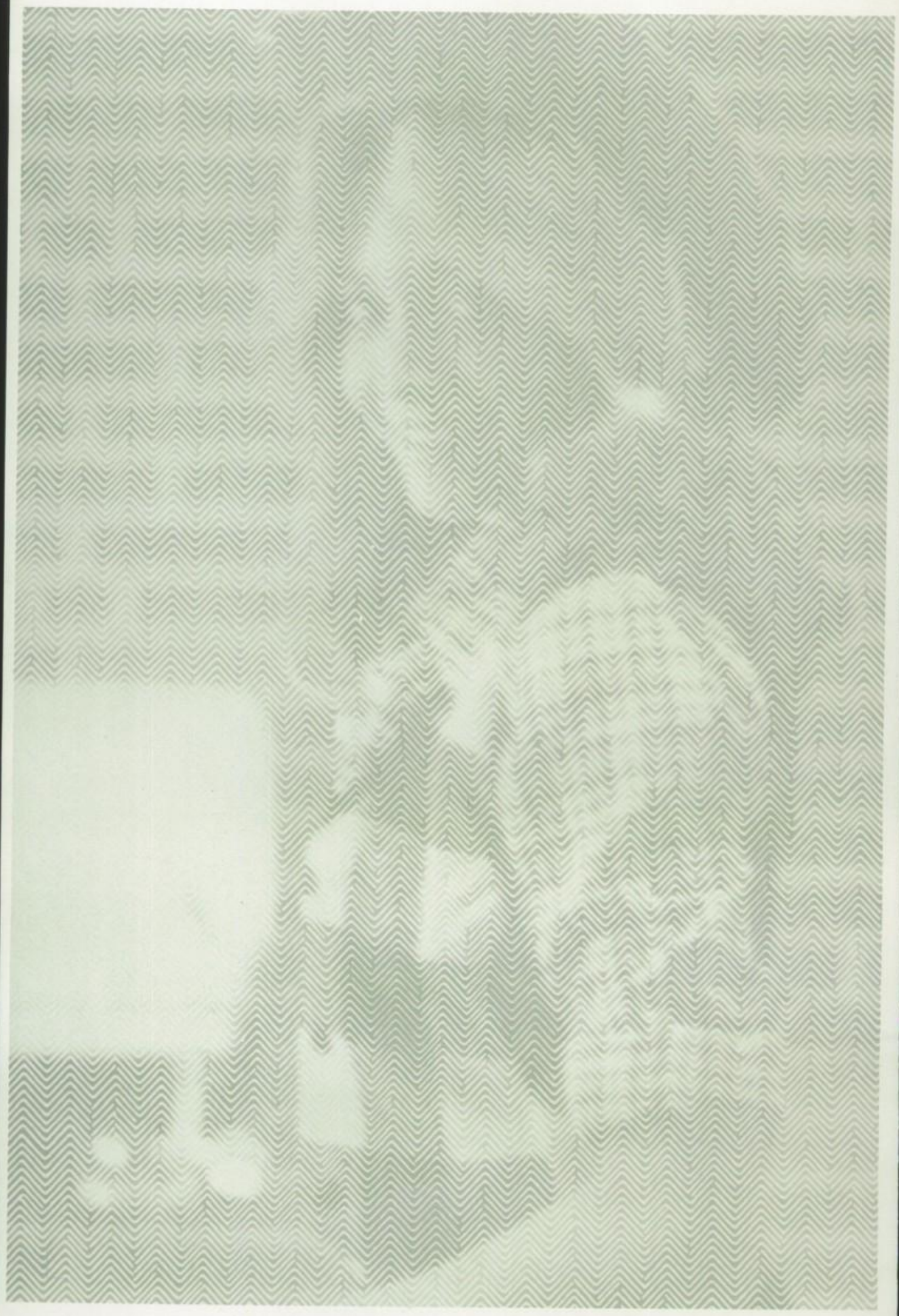




Student Life provides enjoyment of life as students strive to attain goals

The Student Life section attempts to capture the atmosphere of the school outside the classroom. Popular fads and experiences of the 1978-79 school year are portrayed. The Student Life section is also a section of those students who have strived to achieve and have found results.

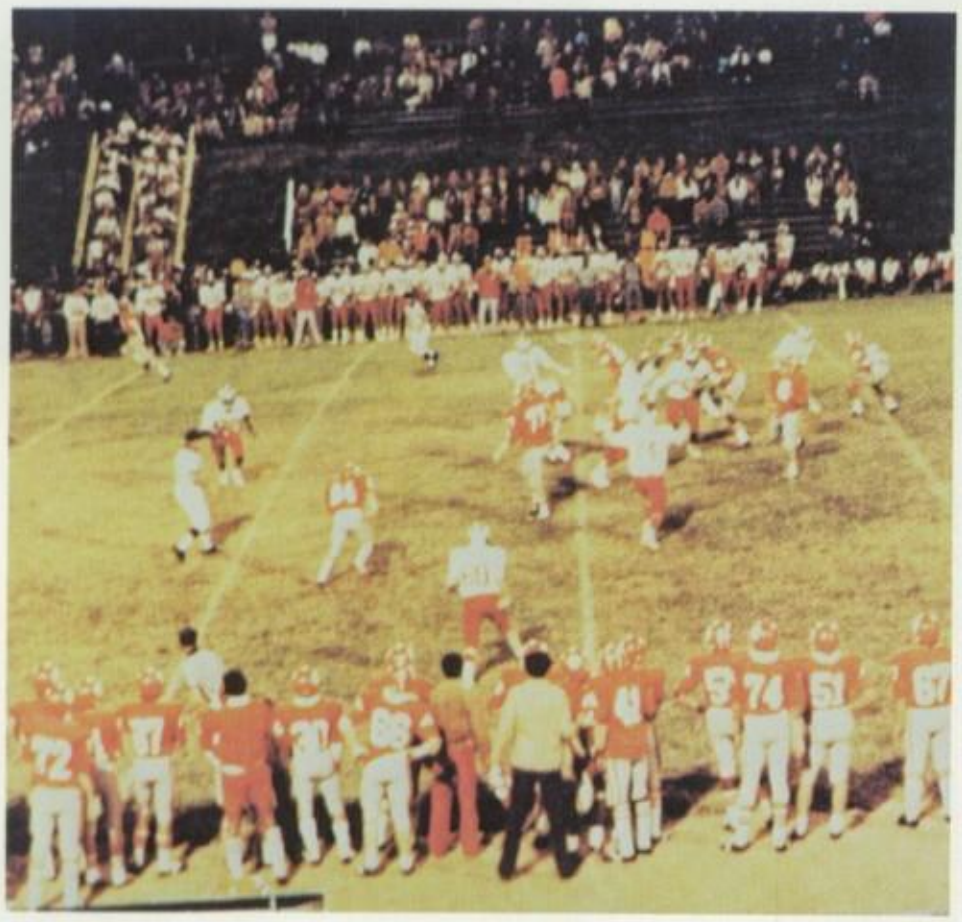
STUDENT LIFE

Entire Student Body Becomes Involved at Pep Rallies

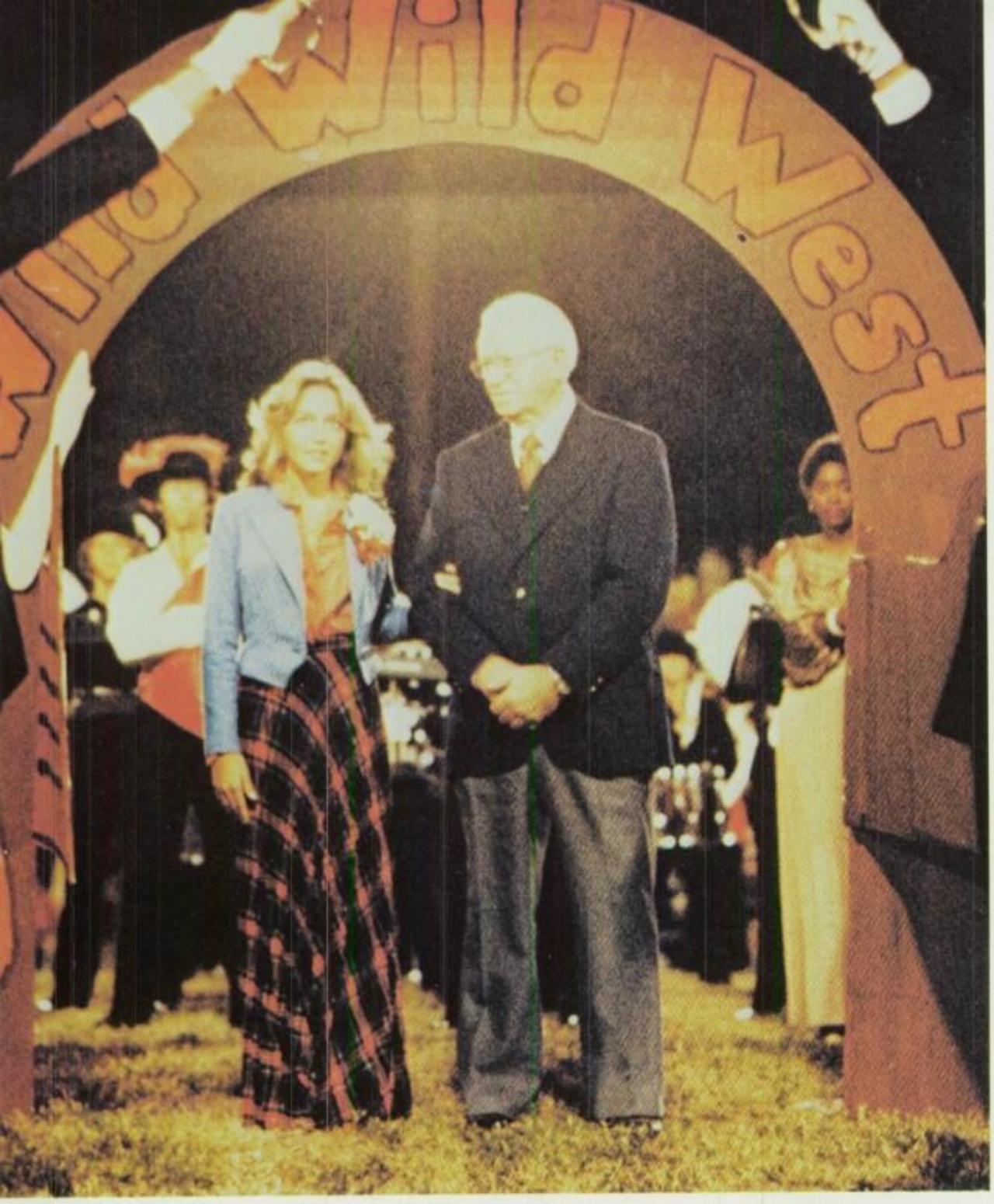
Several pep rallies were held this year to promote school spirit for both fall and winter sports' teams. During the pep rallies, Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleaders were able to stimulate school spirit while the Lettergirls and NJROTC provided entertainment for the students. At the pep rallies, the players and coaches of the teams were introduced to the student body.

ABOVE LEFT: Mary Margaret Neilson displays her enthusiasm at a pep rally for the basketball team. ABOVE: The NJROTC practice for the upcoming pep rally. LEFT: Lettergirls promote spirit by entertaining students during the Homecoming pep rally.

Homecoming '78



TOP: Mary Margaret Neilson shows off her costume.
ABOVE: South works hard to clobber opponent.
RIGHT: Students work on building decorations.



LEFT: An ecstatic Catherine Williams is crowned queen. BELOW: The marching band puts on an excellent show.

Activities During Homecoming Help To Boost School Spirit

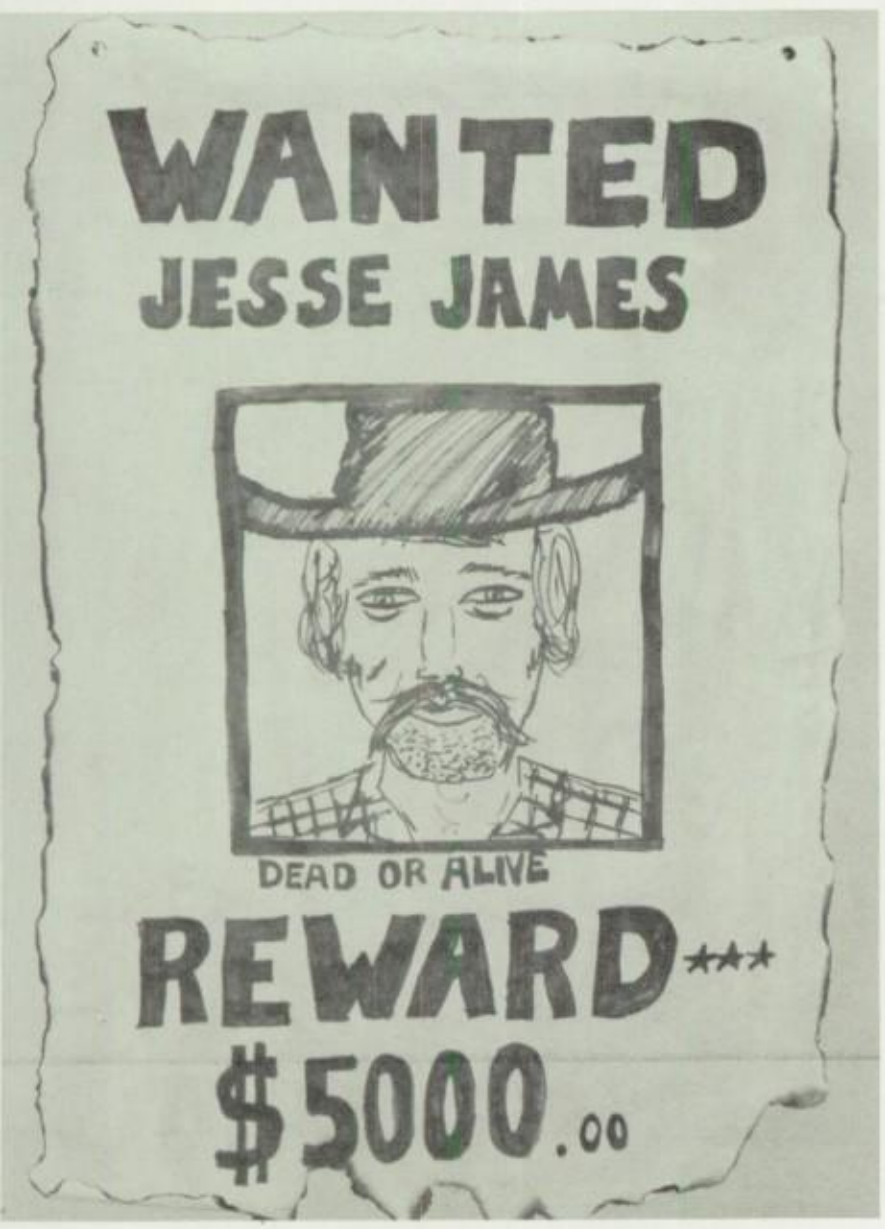
Many activities were planned in preparation for the 1978 Homecoming. The week of September 30-October 6, sponsored by the Student Council, was an eventful one with festivities planned for each day of the week. Monday and Tuesday were Mr. and Ms. Irresistible days. Students collected ribbons from those of the opposite sex who were conned into talking to them. The two winners were given tickets to the dance. Wednesday was costume day. Students dressed up as cowboys, cowgirls, and Indians. There were even a few saloon girls. Anyone visiting South would have thought the school had gone wild. But after all, that was the purpose. Thursday was the carnival in the mall. Some of South's club's participated by designing a game booth. "Odyssey" a band of South students, performed for musical entertainment. Friday started off with the traditional pep rally. The lettergirls, cheerleaders , ROTC, and the pep band performed. The winners of the contests held during the week were announced. At the conclusion of the Pep Rally, "Odyssey's" performance got the whole gym rocking.

Friday night was very exciting with the football team defeating West Mecklenburg 28-6. The halftime was the highlight of the evening. First, the band performed an excellent show. Second, the Homecoming Court turned out to be even more beautiful than expected. All the girls looked radiant under the lights of the stadium. Catherine Williams was named the new Homecoming Queen.

After the game there was a dance in the school cafeteria. Music was provided by "Phase II" and "Dr. Funkenstein and the Disco Kid."

Homecoming '78 will be a night long remembered in the hearts of the football team, the homecoming nominees, and certainly the student body.

TOP RIGHT: Mary Lynn Somers shows off her costume during the Homecoming pep rally. ABOVE: Students dance to the student band, Odyssey, after the Homecoming pep rally.



TOP: Catherine Williams expresses her joy at the moment of becoming Homecoming Queen. LEFT: Decorations such as this poster brighten buildings during Homecoming week. ABOVE: Costumes accentuate the Wild West spirit.

Miss South: A Galaxy of Heavenly Bodies

The brightest stars of the Senior class shone on the night of October 21, 1978. The Miss South Pageant, sponsored by the Senior Class, is an exciting annual event featuring ten talented senior beauties.

The girls were judged in several areas including the preliminary interview, a talent routine, and an evening gown competition. Each candidate was also required to give a brief speech about her favorite pastime.

William Gill was the master of ceremonies and the judging panel consisted of five veteran contest judges. Special entertainment was provided by the Lettergirls, the Sabre Singers, soloist John Stover, Carol Dashner, and dancers Cecelia Bishop and Kim Wylie.

The beautiful and talented Catherine Williams was crowned "Miss South" 1978. Her runners-up were LaGena Lookabill and Pam Young.

Anyone who attended the pageant could truly say that these titles were well deserved.

ABOVE: LaGena Lookabill discusses what she plans to do in the future. LEFT: Mary Margaret Neilson shows her prevailing sense of humor by clowning around. BELOW: Catherine Williams, the future "Miss South," woos the audience.

Beauty Shines Through the Rain at the Carousel Parade

On a rainy Thanksgiving day, many students from South participated in the annual Carousel parade. The Marching Sabres, having received first place in the band competition last year, were the honor band for the festivities. Although their music was triumphant, the members of the band and the South Lettergirls ended the parade totally soaked from the rain.

South Mecklenburg was also honored in a very special way. Catherine Williams, the reigning "Miss South," represented the school with her abundance of beauty, talent, and personality. After interviews and competitions, Catherine was crowned the "Carousel Queen" of the entire parade.

LEFT: Catherine Williams shows her beauty, only one of her outstanding qualities which led to her coronation as "Carousel Queen." BELOW: The Marching Sabres await their turn to perform in the rain.

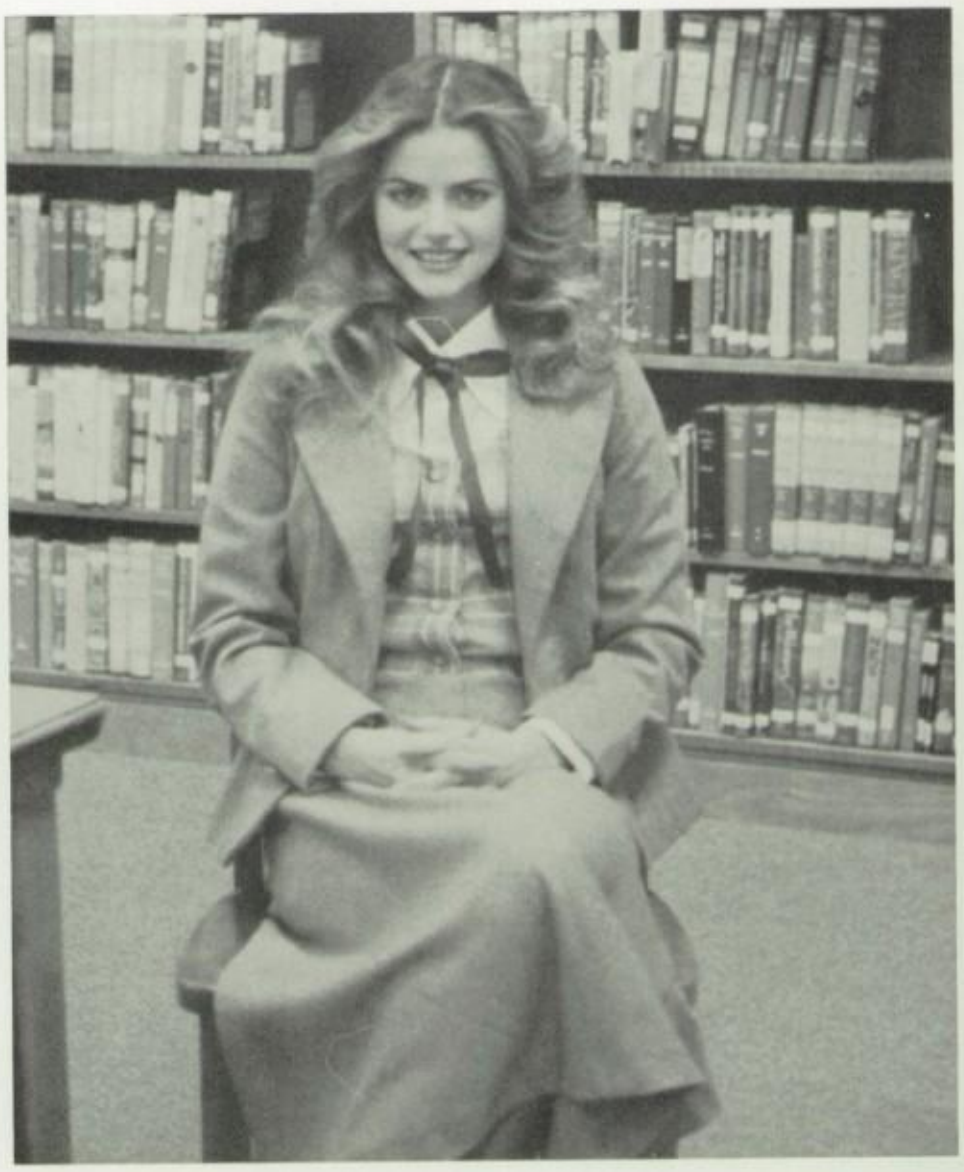
Governor's School, Girls' And Boys' State, And CYC Promote Bright Futures

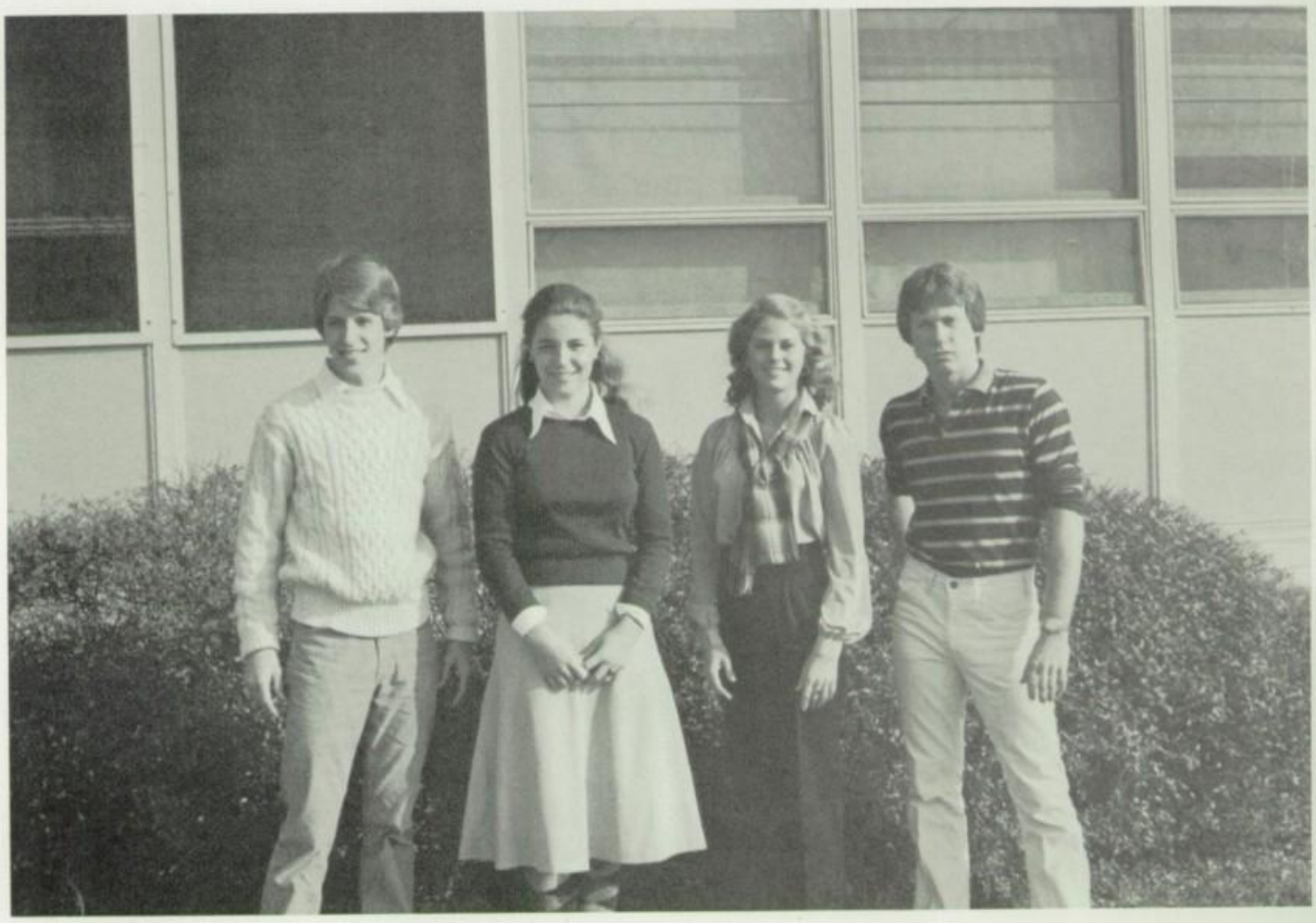
Outstanding students at South participated in summer honor programs including the Civitan Youth Conference, Governor's School, and Girls' and Boys' State.

Governor's School candidates spent six weeks in the summer at Winston-Salem. The program was designed to help prepare students for creative leadership. Honored representatives showing talent in such areas as Art, Drama, Dance, Instrumental and Choral Music were chosen.

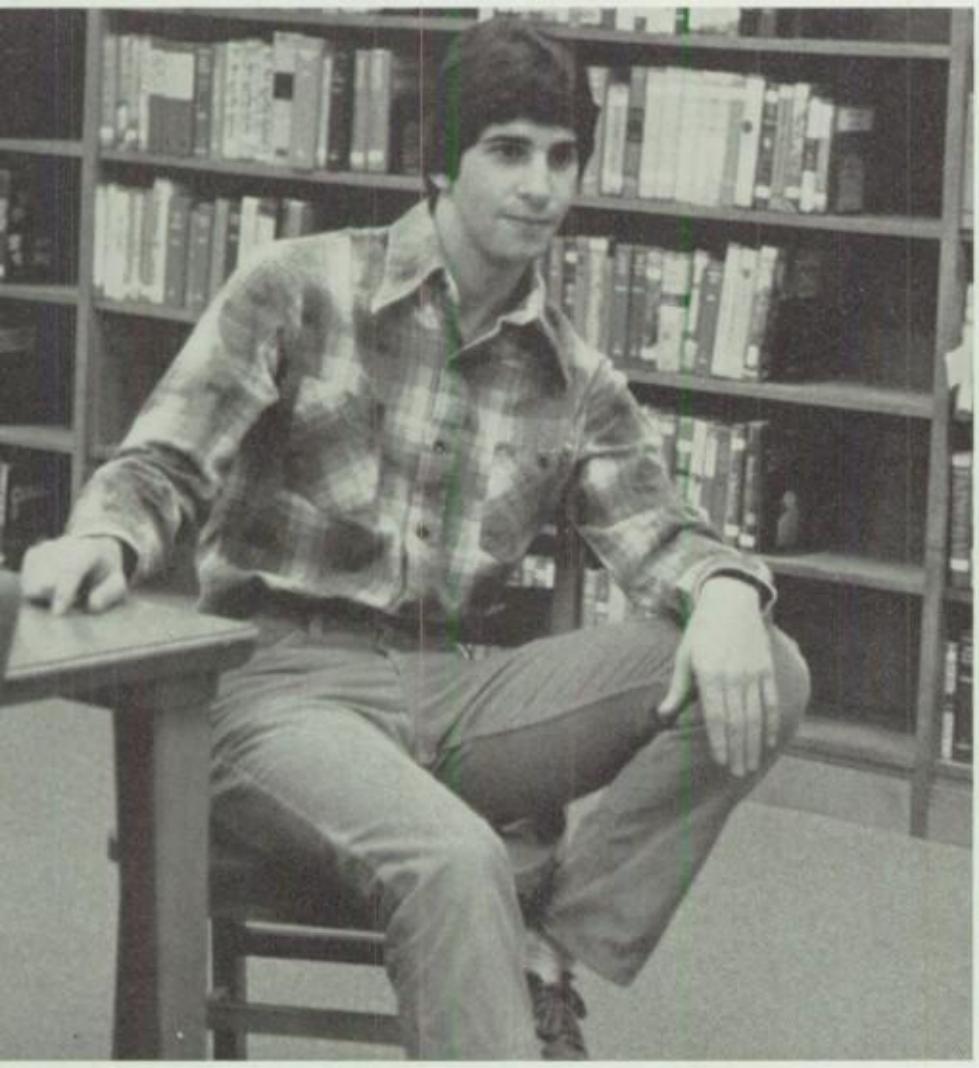
Representatives showing qualities in leadership, who were nominated by their teachers, attended Girls' and Boys' state for a week of leadership training.

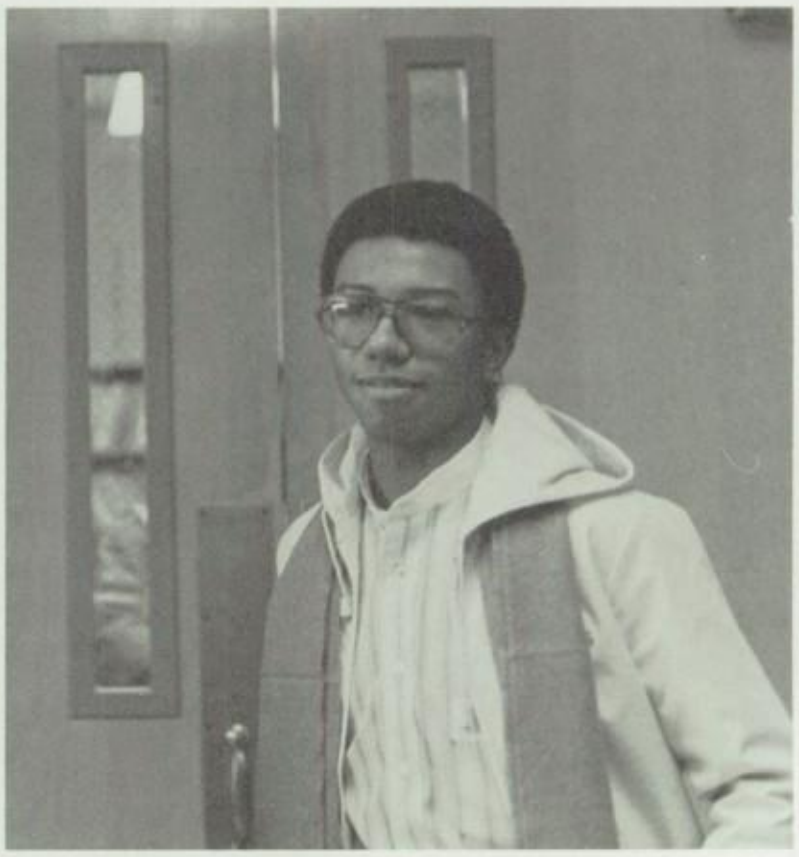
The Civitan Youth Conference, held for one week during the summer at Cleveland, S.C., put leadership emphasis on the study of human relations.





TOP: LaGena Lookabill is the Governor's School delegate in the field of Dance. ABOVE: Mike Wood, Amy Turner, Mary Margaret Neilson, and John Stipp are the delegates to last summer's Civitan Youth Conference.





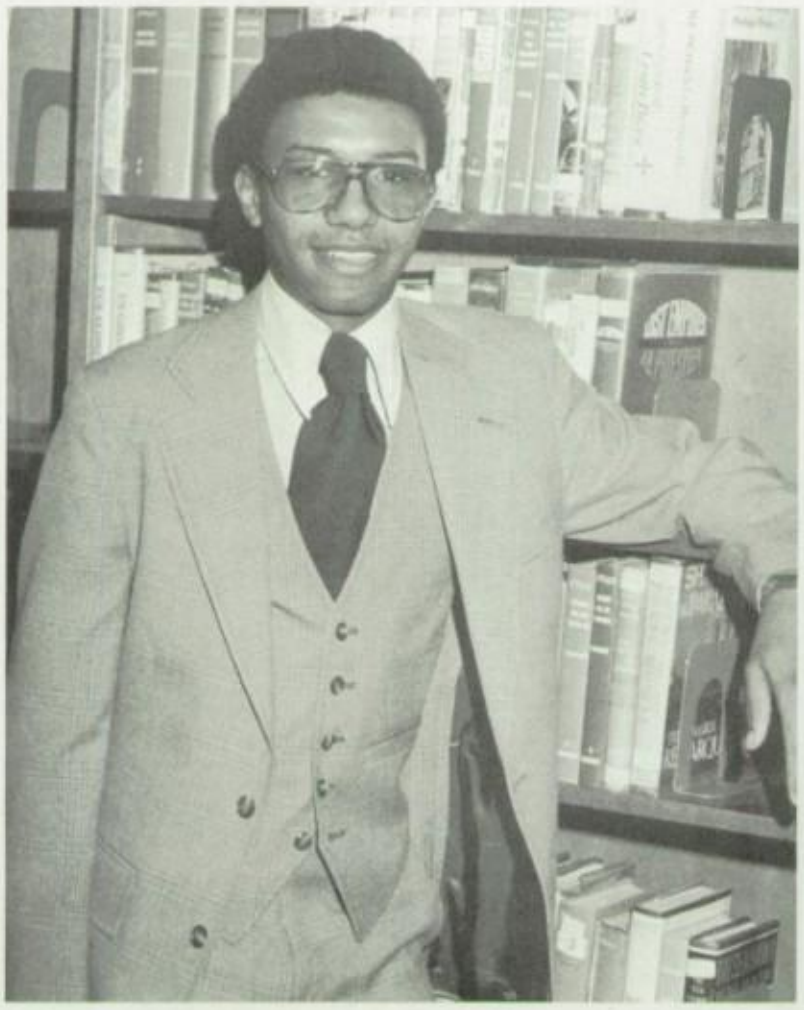
ABOVE LEFT: David Kouri, one of the Boys' State representatives, is a fine example of student leadership. ABOVE: El Chino Martin, Boys' State representative, looks toward new ideas for the future. LEFT: Judy Yates is proud to represent South at Girls' State. BELOW: Alison Loftus, a Girls' State representative, plans for upcoming goals.

Talented Students Find Honors

Many outstanding Seniors were honored in 1978-79. Several scholarships were available. The Morehead, a full four-year scholarship to UNC-Chapel Hill, required students to be well-rounded, intelligent, service oriented, and capable of leadership. El Chino Martin was awarded this scholarship on the basis of his outstanding traits. Based upon her talent in music and her academic achievements, Kelly Wells was awarded both the Daniel Music Scholarship and the Littlejohn Scholarship to Furman University. Several students became finalists for other prestigious scholarships. Carol Dashner was a finalist for the Angier B. Duke Scholarship to Duke University, and Celeste Griffin was an alternate finalist for the Edward Crosland Stuart Scholarship to Davidson College.

The National Merit Scholarship Program sponsored scholarships to students who scored well on the PSAT and who maintained a high score on the SAT. Jim Saunders, Larry Chisholm, Michael Wood, and Andy Hooton were all finalists. El Chino Martin was a finalist for the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students. Talented LaGena Lookabill was awarded a two-thousand dollar scholarship to the college of her choice when she won the Miss North Carolina Junior Miss. The hard work and dedication of all these students was well rewarded.

RIGHT: LaGena Lookabill demonstrates the poise which helped her win the Miss North Carolina Jr. Miss. BELOW LEFT: El Chino Martin, winner of the Morehead Scholarship, takes a break from his busy routine. BELOW RIGHT: Kelly Wells, winner of two scholarships to Furman University, pauses before a musical performance.



TOP LEFT: National Merit Scholarship finalists Andy Hooton, Michael Wood, Larry Chisholm, and Jim Saunders assemble in the school courtyard. LEFT: Angier B. Duke Scholarship finalist Carol Dashner is captured during her English class. BELOW: Stuart Scholarship alternate finalist Celeste Griffin flashes a smile during a class break. ABOVE: Shep Berryhill, another National Merit Scholarship finalist, relaxes in the chorus room.

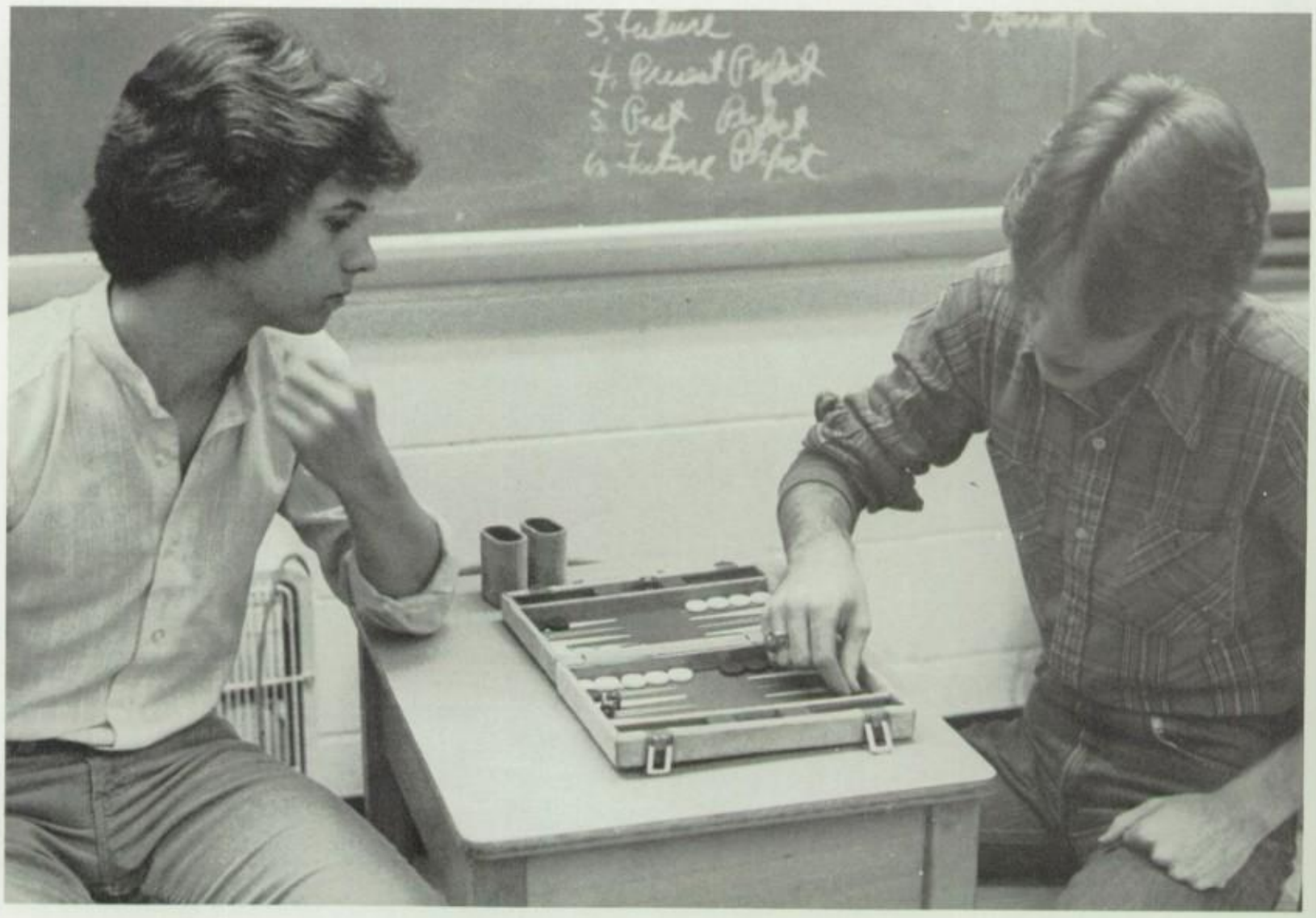
Current Trends Become a Part of Student Life

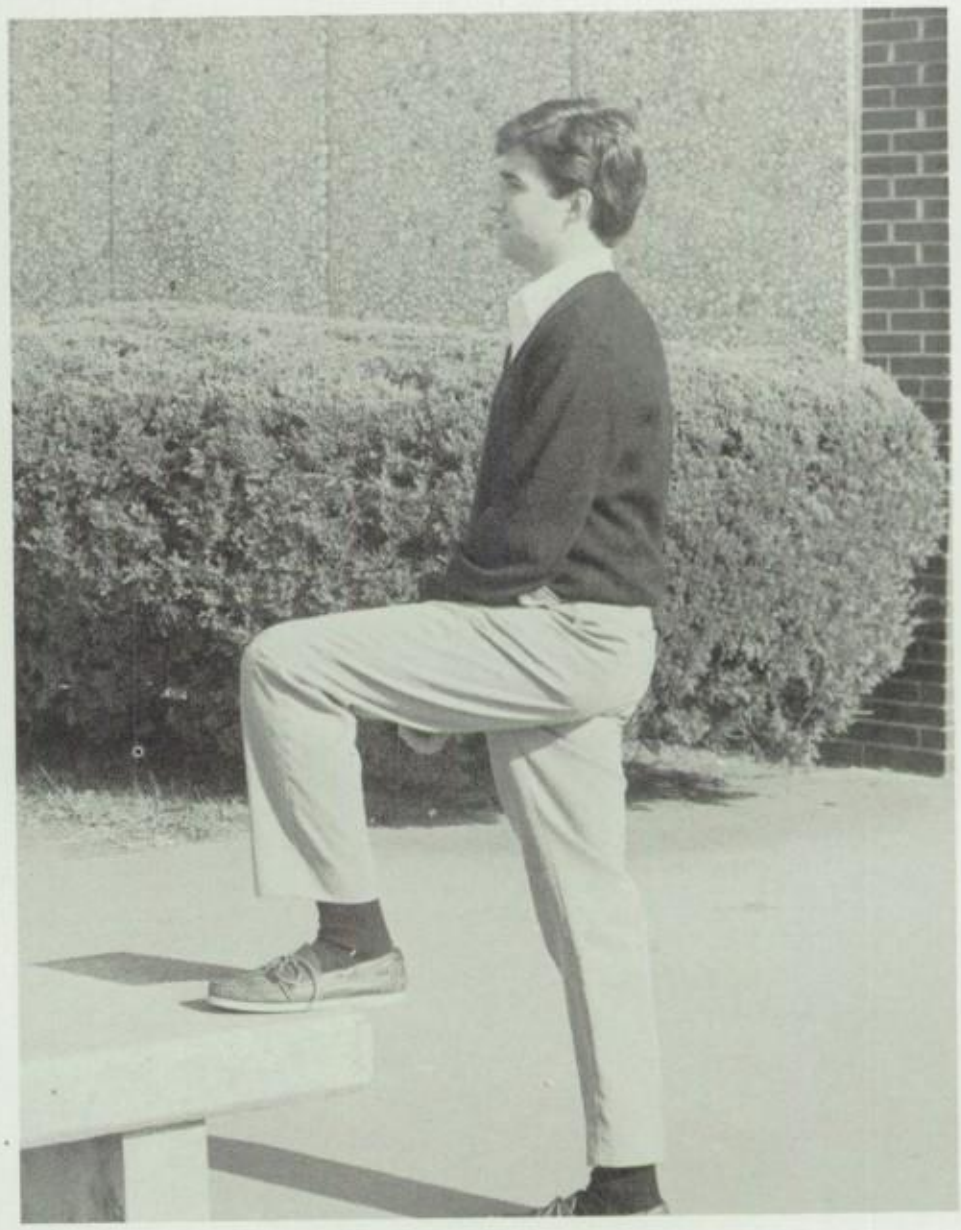
The many and varied fads of 1978 and 1979 became an integral part of life around South this year. The South women, reknowned for their good looks and fashion-consciousness, were especially well-dressed this year. Not to be outdone, the men followed the trend of snappy collegiate fashion. Hats for all students were the newest and most widespread fashion trend.

Backgammon became the game of the year as everyone participated with enthusiasm.

Disco music and disco dancing reached the height of popularity as young and old alike let their emotions and bodies flow with the beat. Physical fitness became important to everyone and jogging topped the list this year as the best all around exercise.

RIGHT: Diane Bellini savors a quite moment. BELOW: Photography students, Robby Griffin and Greg Creswell relax by playing a quick game of backgammon.



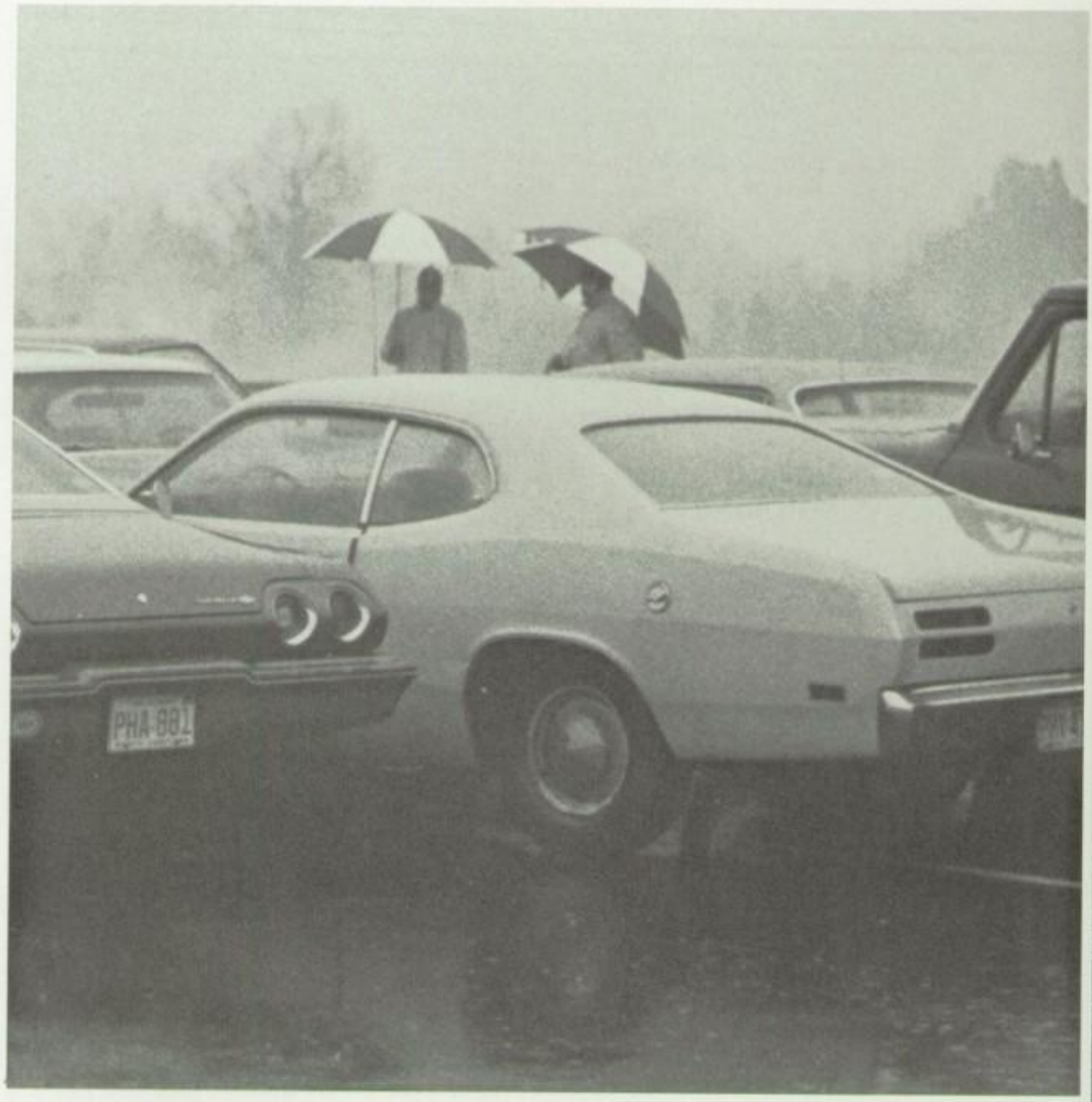


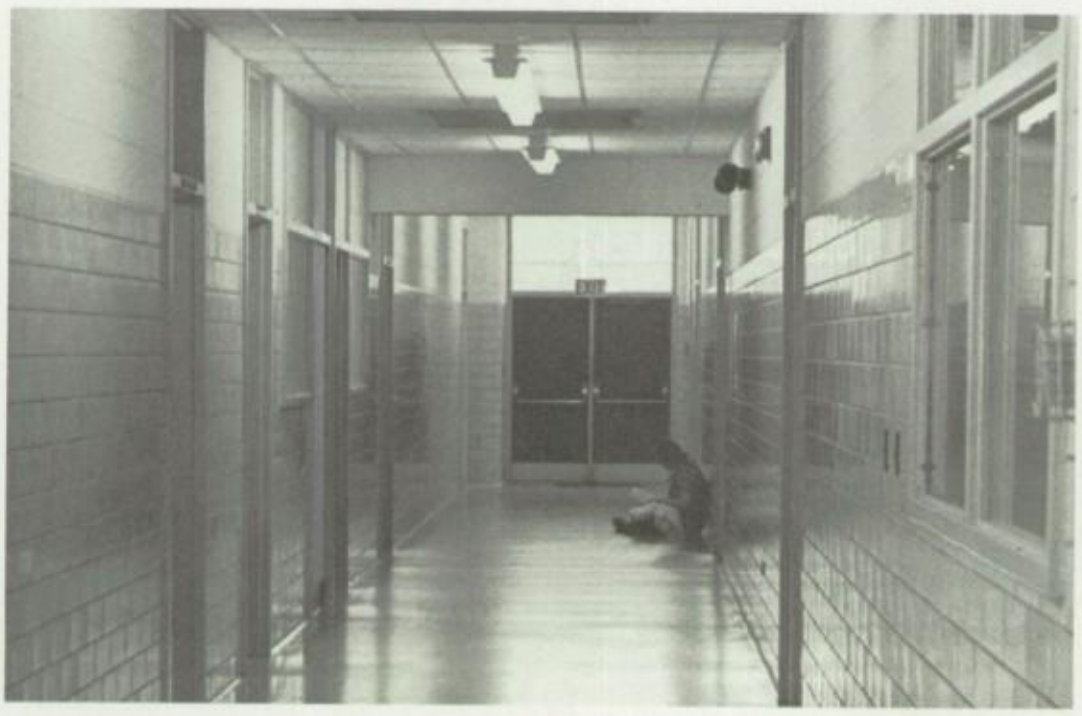
ABOVE: Tim Templeton exemplifies the prep look. TOP LEFT: Fashion footwear typical of the school year are exhibited by South women. LEFT: Rain does not keep Celeste Griffin, Mark Katibah, and Georganna McDonald from taking their daily jog.

Students Find Enjoyment in Out-of-Class Activities

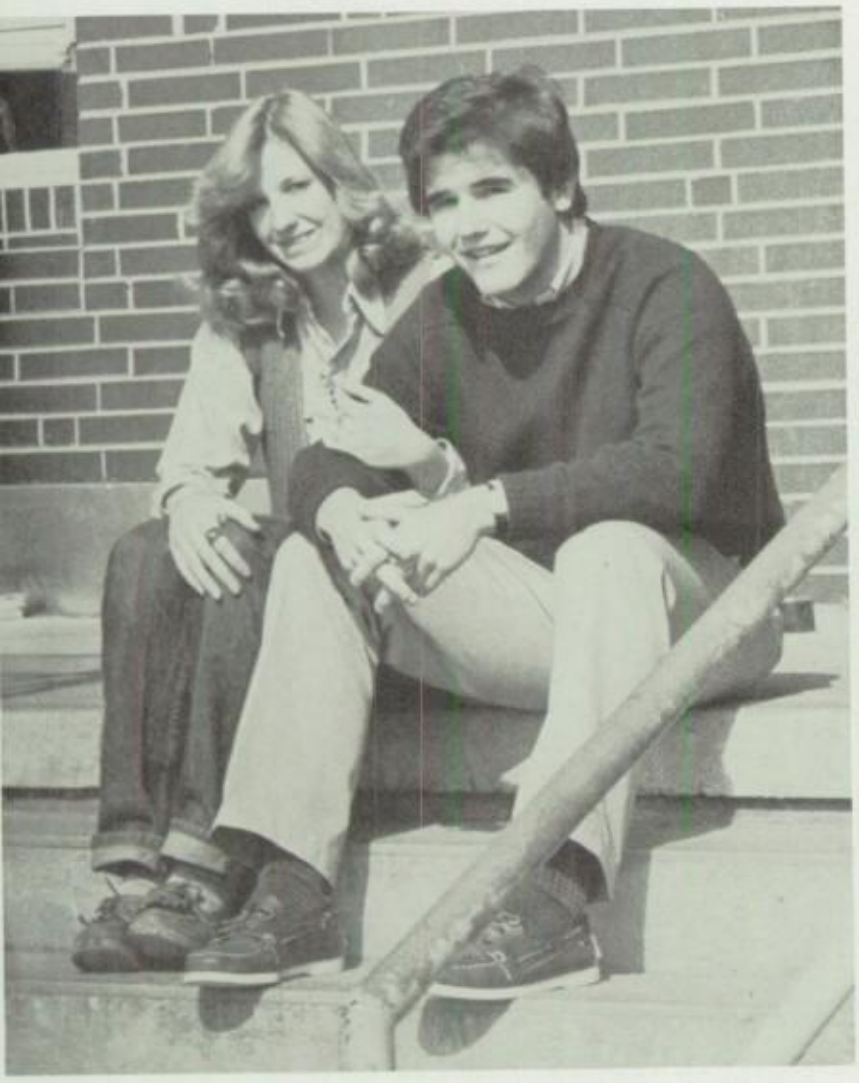
The normal school day routine got very hectic at times and it was nice to break away during spare time throughout the day. Before school, between classes, and during lunch periods were the times that students had a chance to relax or be with their friends. Each student, though, had his or her special way that he spent his time and enjoyed the peace.

Some students found out-of-class time a perfect time to study, while many just enjoyed being around their friends and catching up on the latest happenings. Couples found time to get away from the comotion of the campus and enjoy each others company. Most important, free time brought the student body of South together and made up Student Life.





TOP: Teachers battle rain in the parking lot, directing cars, as students arrive in the morning. ABOVE: A student finds a quiet time out of class to study. RIGHT: LaGena Lookabill prepares for a fresh supply of books for her next class.



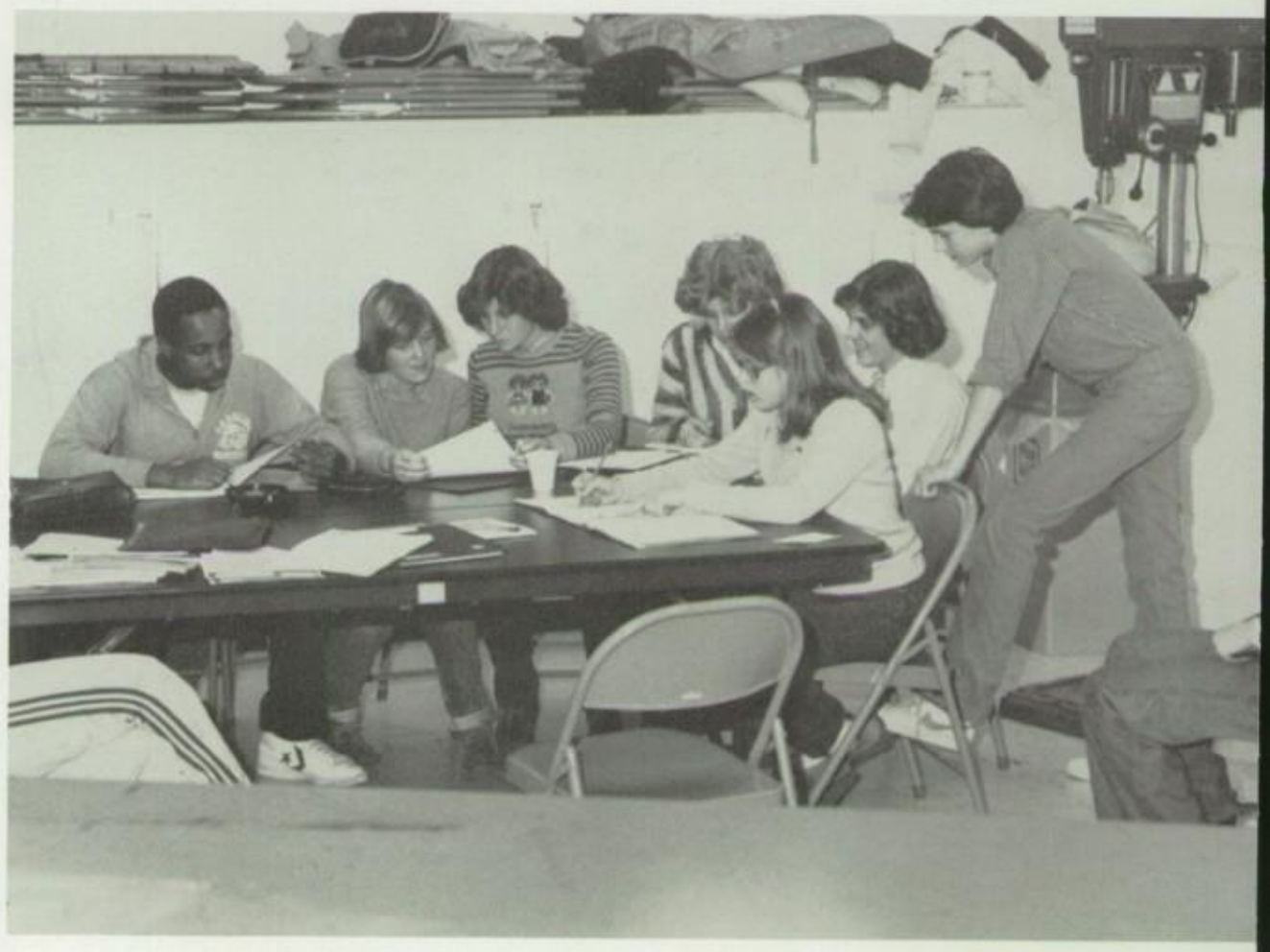
TOP LEFT: Kelli Whicker and Tim Tipton find a moment to be alone. TOP RIGHT: This student makes a quick touch up before entering the crowded halls. ABOVE: Catherine Williams, Cathy Moore, Pam Williams, and Suzanne Isenhour clown around in the library showcase.

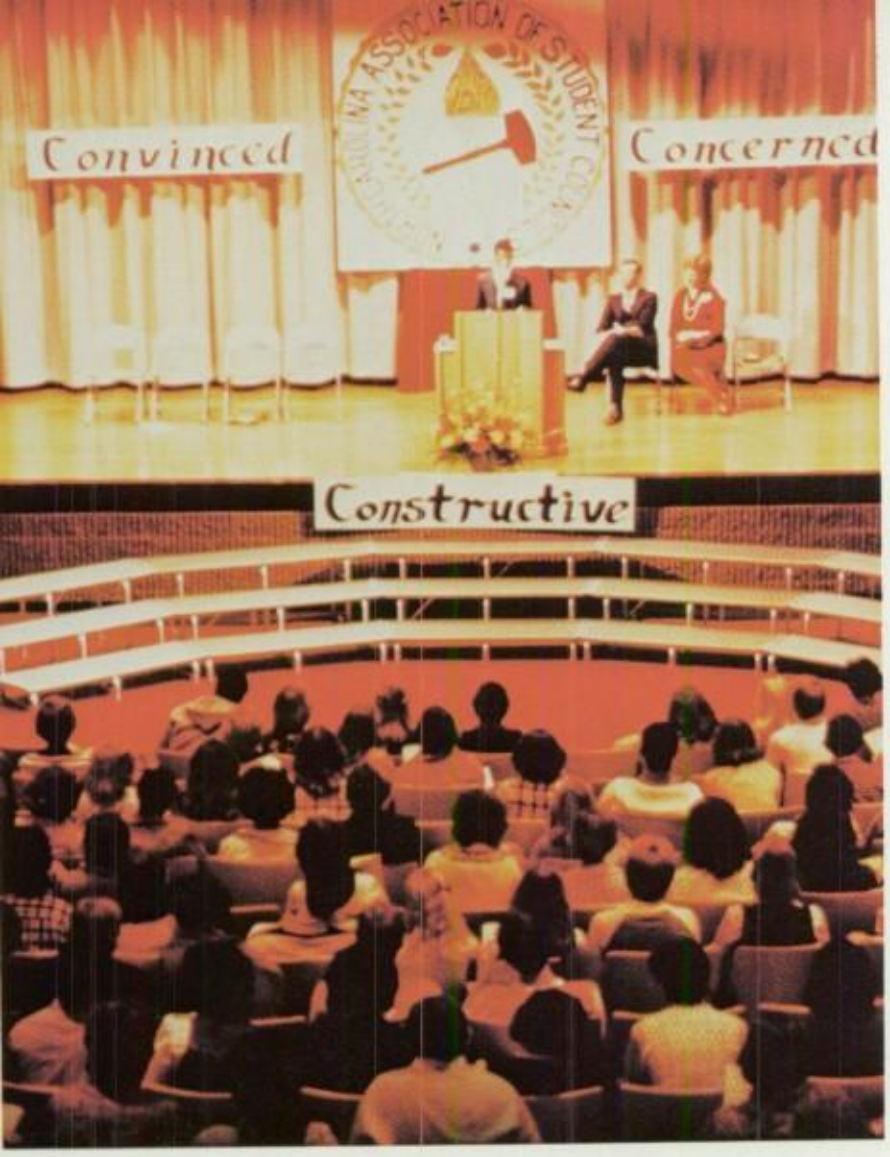
J.A. Introduces Students Into Business World

The purpose of Junior Achievement was to present the American Free Enterprise system to high school students in hopes of giving them the experience necessary in handling the business world. J.A. was a 30-week program supported by local businesses, in which students in individual groups formed separate companies.

Students were shown how to sell stock, buy raw materials, and participate in making the product. Students were also involved in selling their merchandise, and the profits went to the company's stockholders.

ABOVE RIGHT: Susan Morossy, Laura Dodson, and Maureen Langan review records and profits made. RIGHT: South J.A. Students discuss future business. BELOW: Jan Wiegand and Jill Madley unpack and polish phones used during company meetings.





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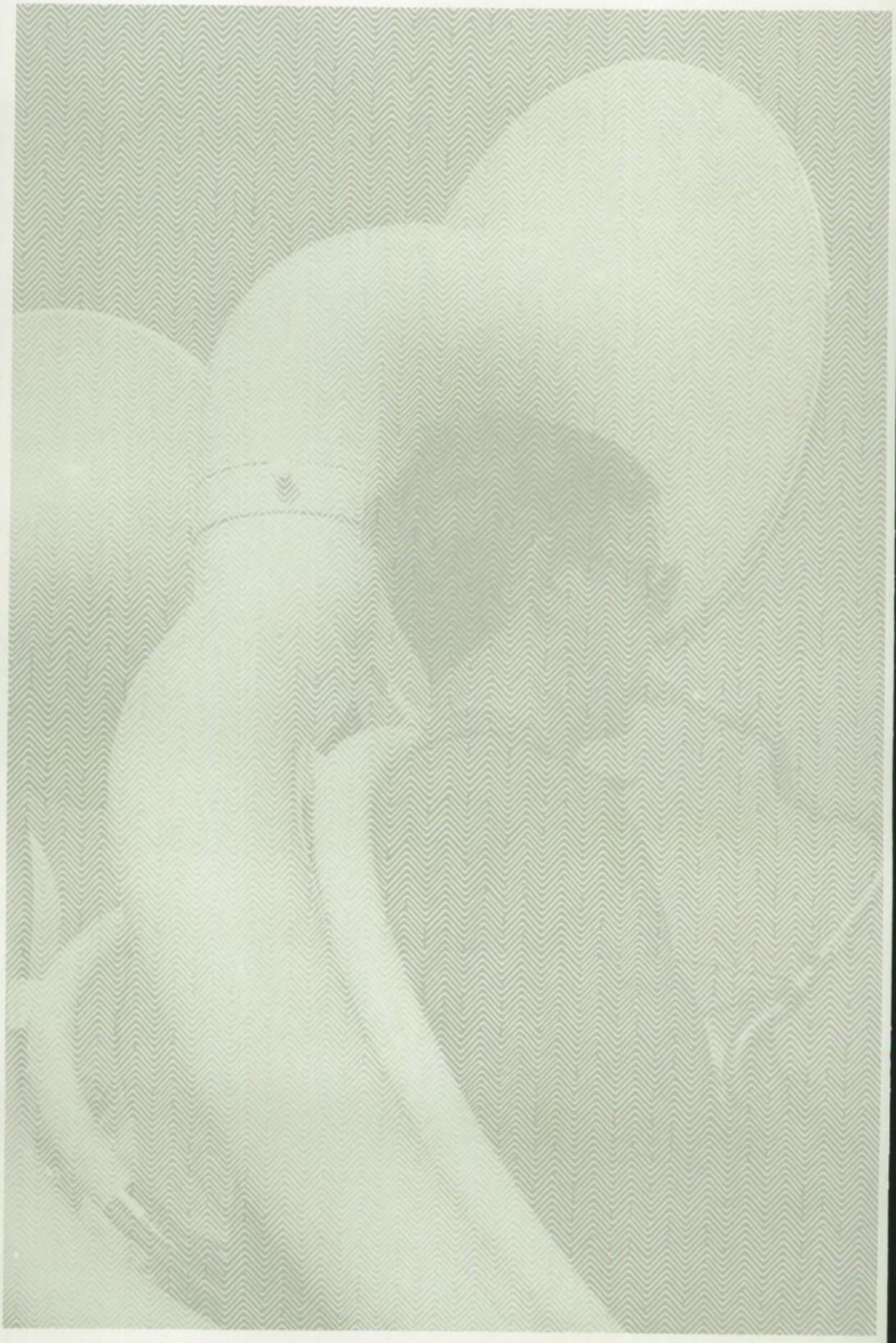
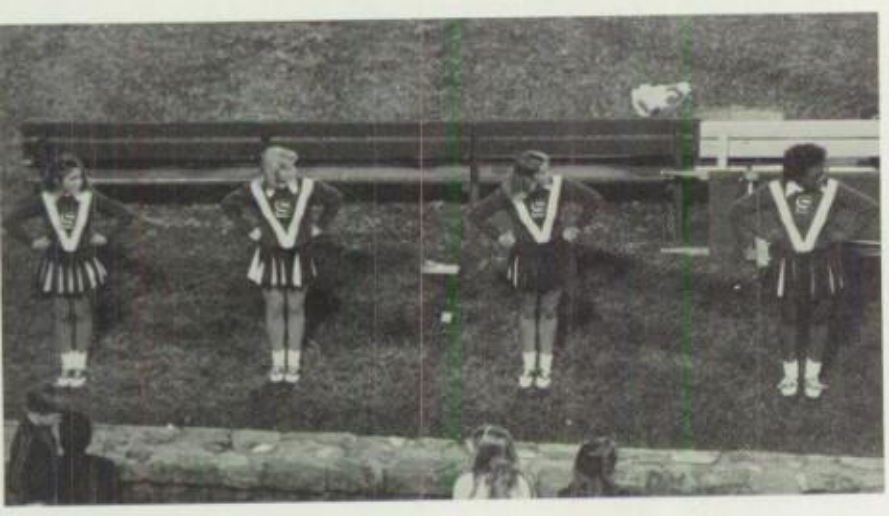
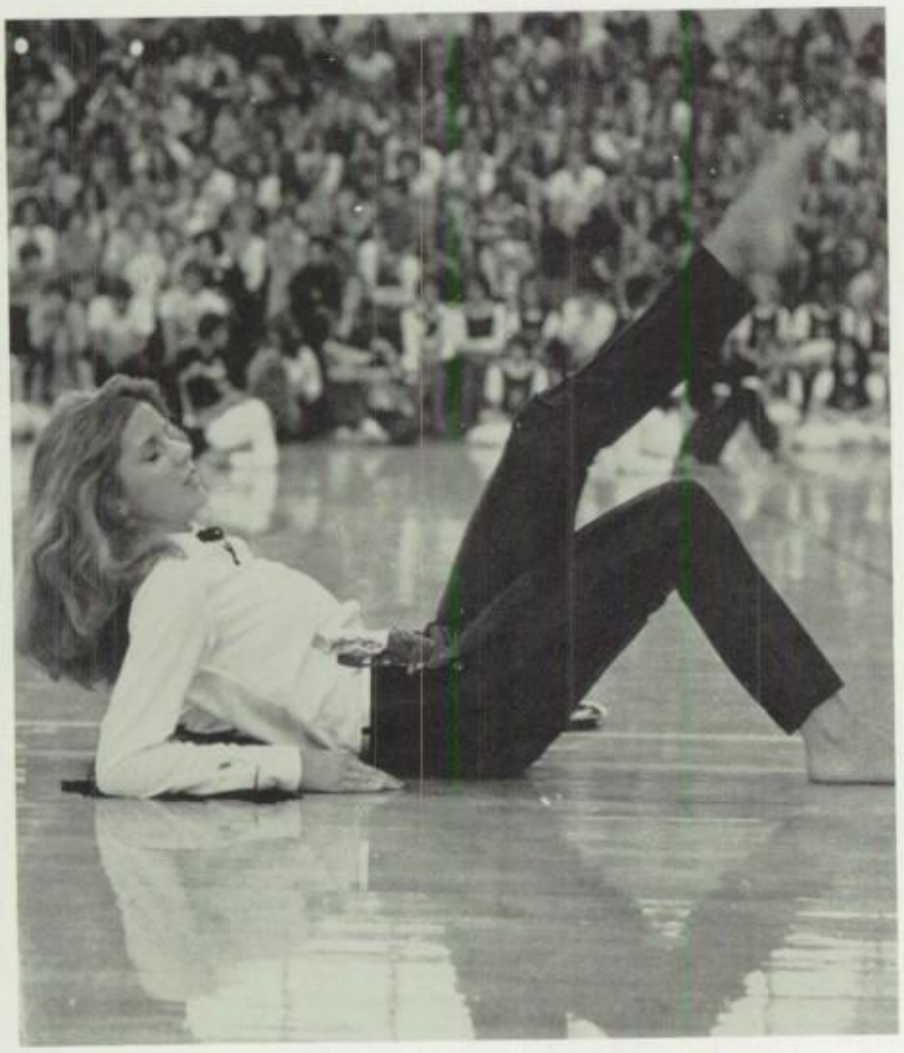




Students seek involvement through extracurricular activities



The Activities section pictures the organizations which contribute to the total educational ability of the school. Those who seek to become involved provide an untold benefit to the school. Some organizations are honorary, and some are purely for fun, but all organizations give service to the school in some way. Through service by way of organizations, the students benefit. Their involvement increases their appreciation for the school. The essence of their appreciation is expressed through this section.

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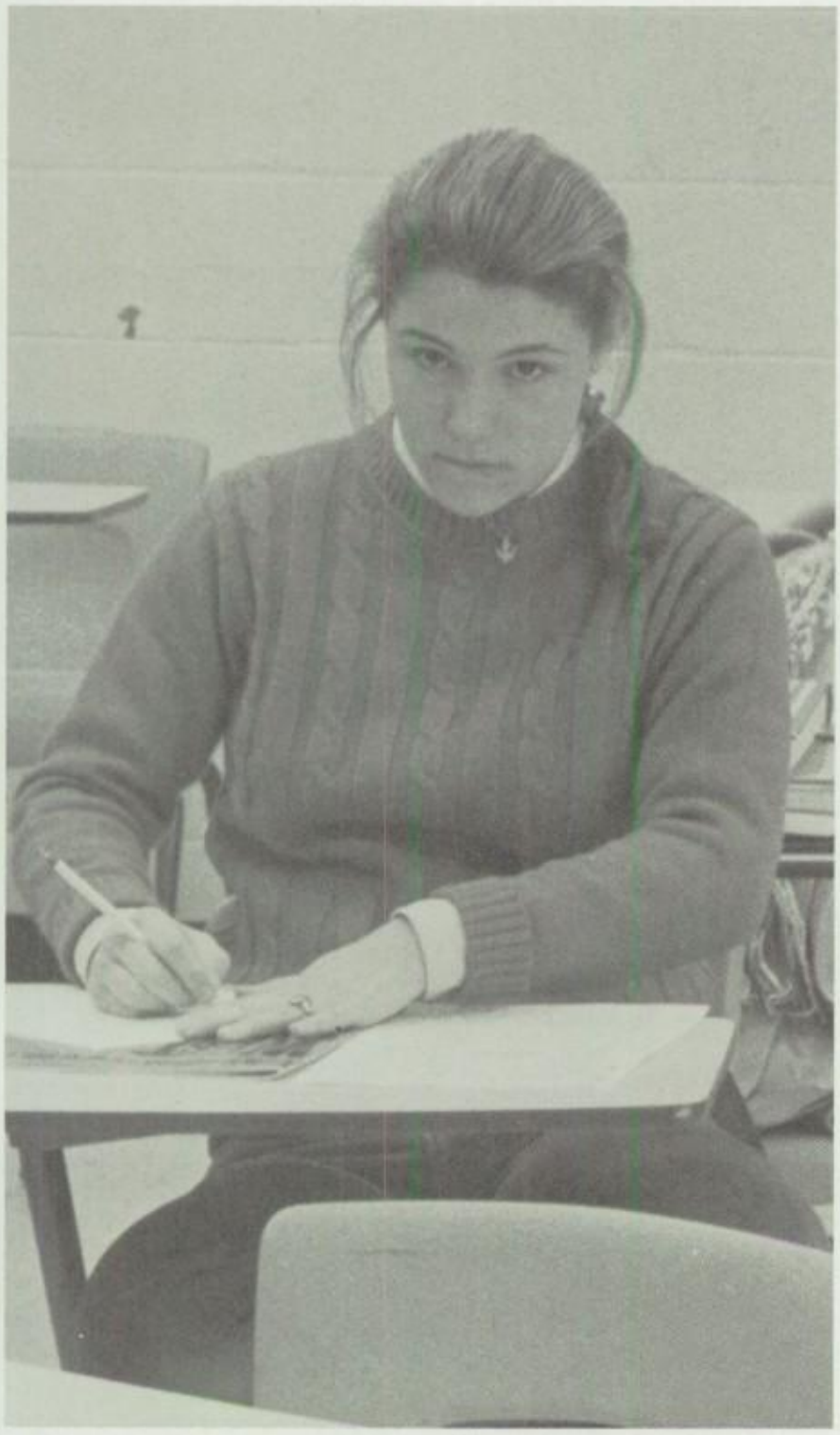


I.C.C. Promotes Club Activities

The Inter-Club Council was designed to promote harmonious relations between clubs and organizations and to participate in the orderly directions of school activities. Executive Committee Vice President, Amy Turner, served as chairman. With the guidance of advisor Sylvia Helms, Amy organized several successful events.

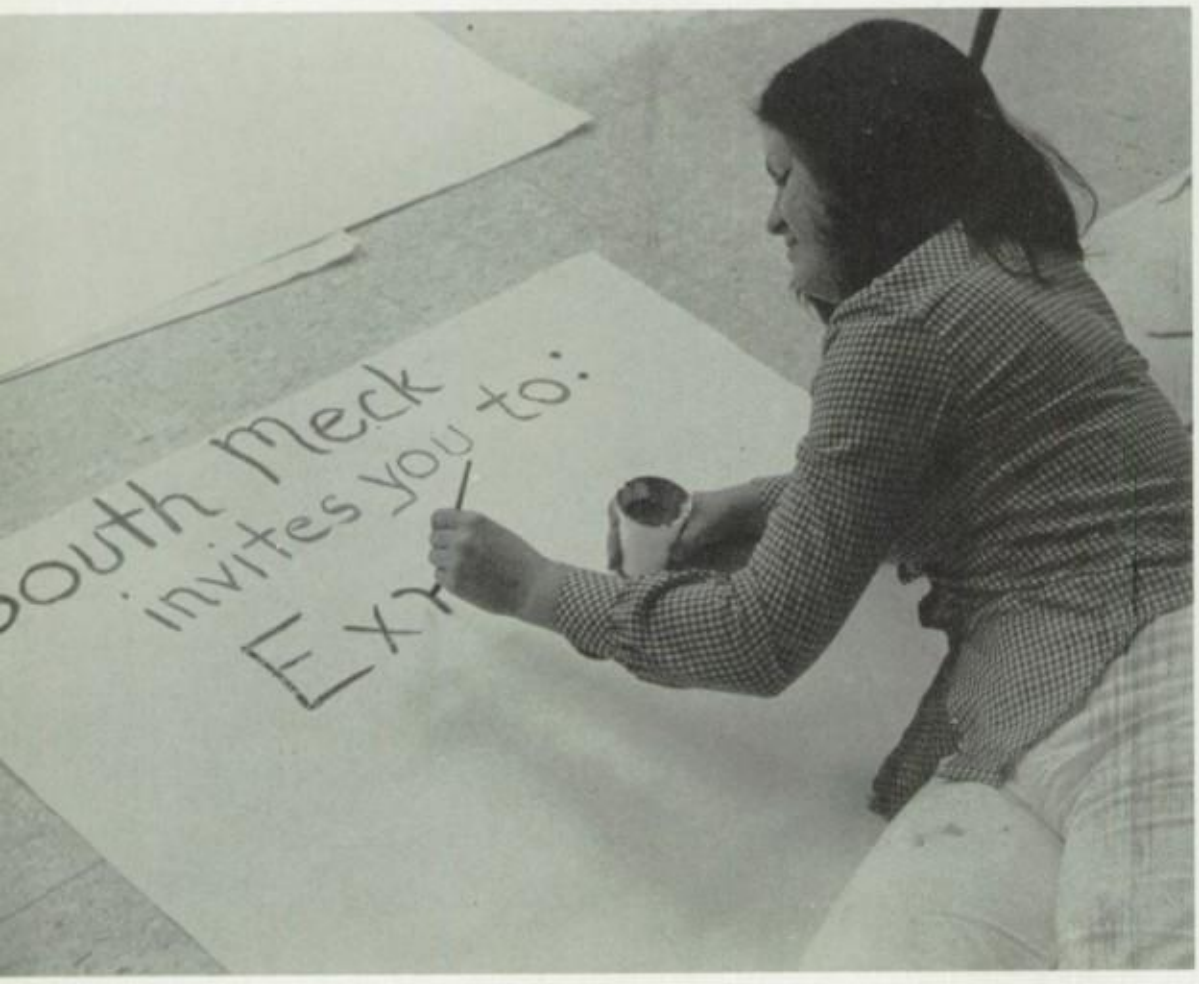
The year began with Club Day, an event aimed at involving more students in club and school activities. In conjunction with the Homecoming theme of "The Wild, Wild West" the I.C.C. organized a Rodeo Carnival. Held on Thursday of Spirit Week, each club provided booths and entertainment for the student body.

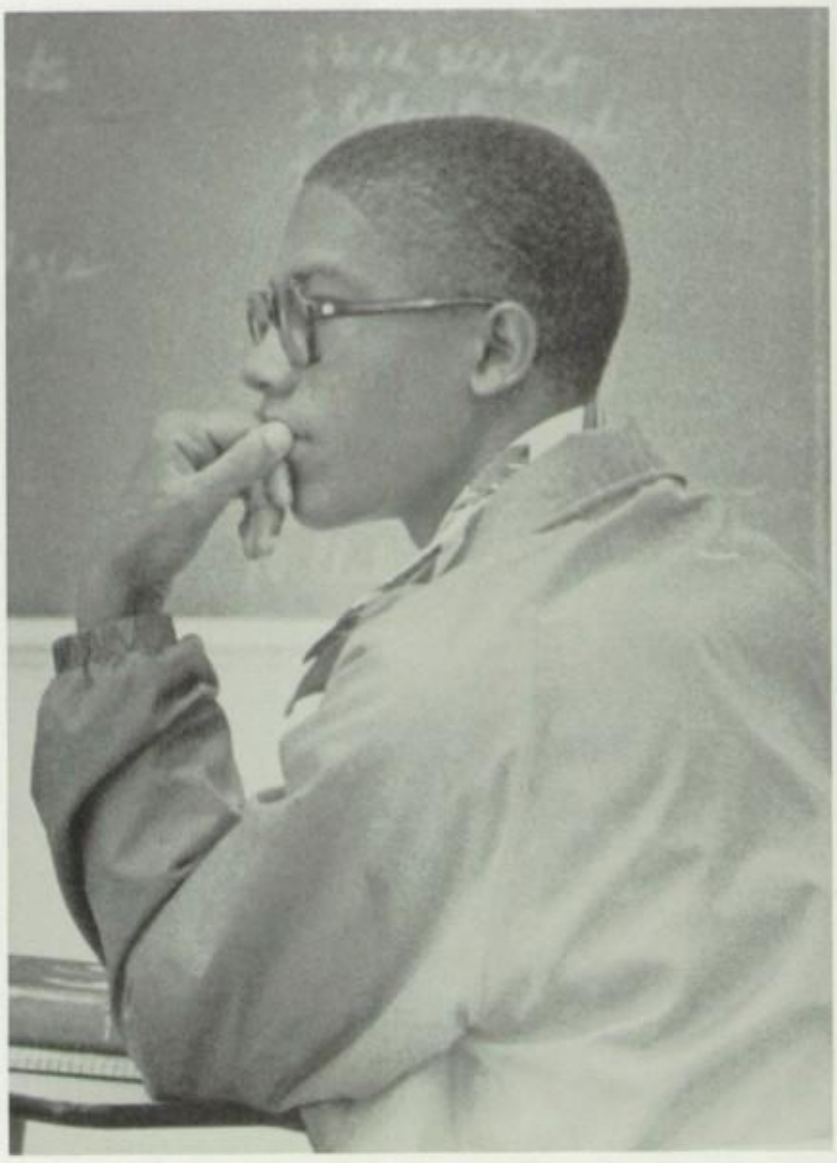
Other events included cleaning up the campus for the North Carolina Association of Student Councils Convention; and decorating the mall for Christmas, and International Week, an event which displayed culture and costumes in the mall.

Through hard work and cooperation, the Inter-Club Council succeeded in making the 1978-1979 school year one of the most successful ever.

LEFT: Amy Turner prepares the agenda for an I.C.C. meeting. BELOW: I.C.C. members take time to pose for a picture during a meeting.

RIGHT: Kenneth McNeely seems engrossed in the Student Council meeting. BELOW: Judy Yates designs a sign for the Exam Jam. BOTTOM: A group of Student Council members participate in a meeting.





Student Council Experiences A Successful Year

The Student Council of the school year 1978-79, which was comprised of the Executive Committee, and the three class councils, planned activities both beneficial and enjoyable for the student body.

The Student Council sponsored many dances throughout the school year which turned out to be great successes. These students also sponsored the NCASC convention in which student councils from all over North Carolina visited South for a few days to attend various workshops dealing with student politics as well as leisure activities, including a dance on their final night.

ABOVE LEFT: Sign welcomes convention members to South. BELOW LEFT: Kiki Tingas, Cathy Moore, Cindy Farris, and Lori Ferguson compete as contestants for Miss Myers Park at a pep rally. BELOW: Bradley Williams and Baker Smith enjoy a snack during a Student Council meeting.

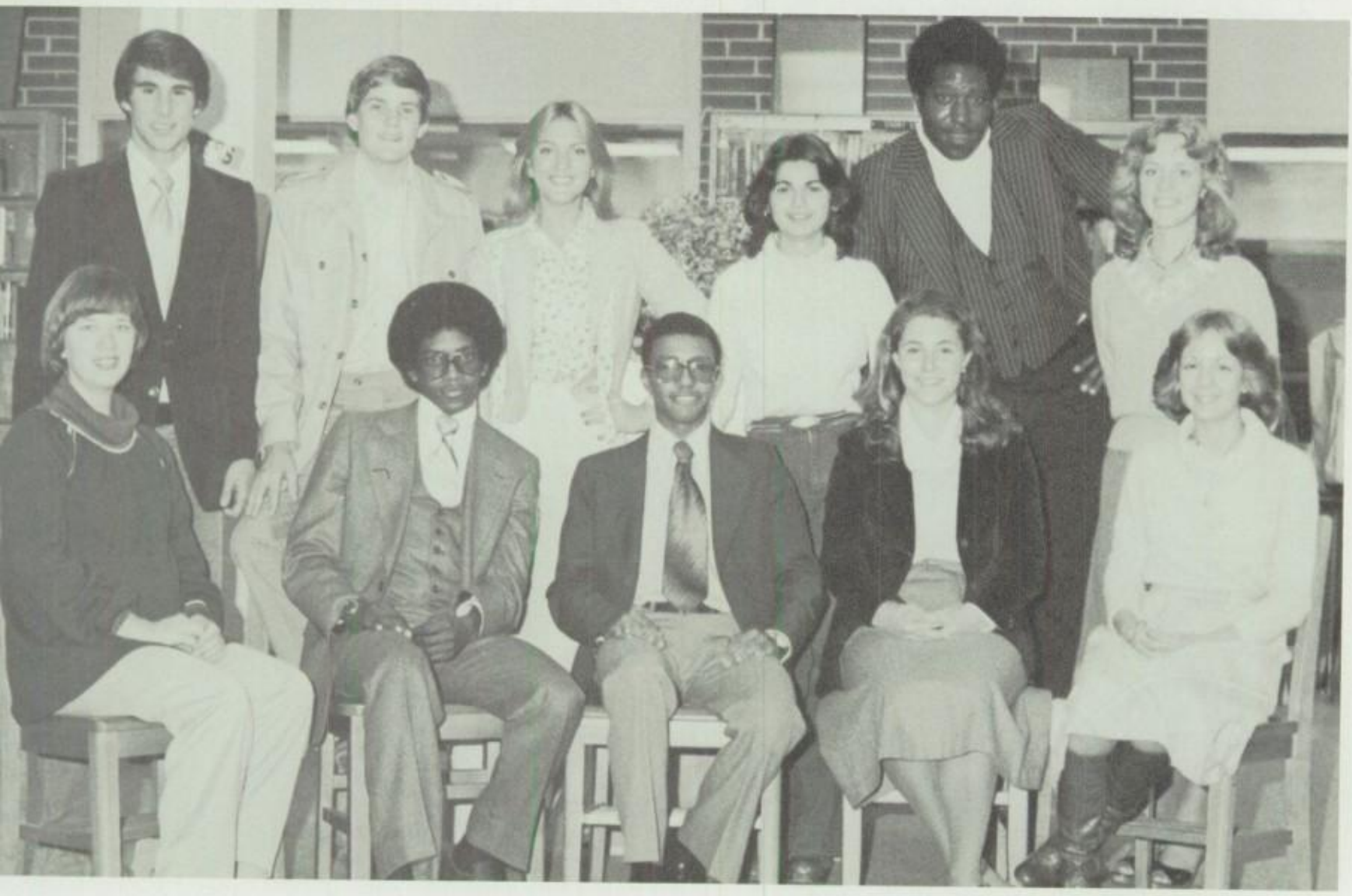
ABOVE: El Chino Martin addresses the student body at a pep rally. ABOVE RIGHT: Kiki Tingas, Suzanne Isenhour, and Cathy Moore flash a big smile for the photographer during a meeting. BELOW RIGHT: David Snepp, Mary Anne Brigel, and Billy Powell introduce Myers Park's Homecoming Queen (dog) to the students at a pep rally.

Executive Committee Plans Activities

South Mecklenburg's aspiring politicians acquire early experience by governing the student body. The Executive Committee coordinated South's Calendar for 1978-1979. These students planned a spirit week filled with different activities each day of the week preceeding Homecoming.

President El Chino Martin, who was also the president of the NCASC for 1977-78, led the Executive Committee in improving the school and uniting and involving the student body in school activities. The other officers of the Executive Committee are Vice-President Amy Turner, Secretary Suzanne Isenhour, Treasurer Baker Smith, Contact Person David Snepp, General Members Bradley Williams, Kiki Tingas, Cathy Moore, and Tim Walker.

LEFT: Mrs. Younts and Mrs. Helms examine school T-shirts. BELOW: Front Row: Mrs. Helms, Baker Smith, El Chino Martin, Amy Turner, Suzanne Isenhour. Back Row: Tim Walker, David Snepp, Cathy Moore, Kiki Tingas, Bradley Williams, Jan Hobbs.



Interkeys Offer Service to South

President Karen Harte was determined to make the 1978-1979 year a productive one for the Interkeys. The club had an early start by insuring the success of College Day. Each member served as an usher to greet both students and college representatives.

On Halloween, the girls visited the Alexander Children's Home in Charlotte. The club was so delighted with the enthusiasm of the children, that they "adopted" several and visited them quite frequently.

The Interkeys also decorated for dances, helped to clean up after dances, and made goodies for the teachers on their workdays.

ABOVE: Interkey members enjoy the first bit of warm weather. MIDDLE: Interkeys meet to discuss future plans. RIGHT: Toni Powell, Karen Harte, and Tracy Kessler work at the Interkey booth on club day.

SOS Members Provide Service

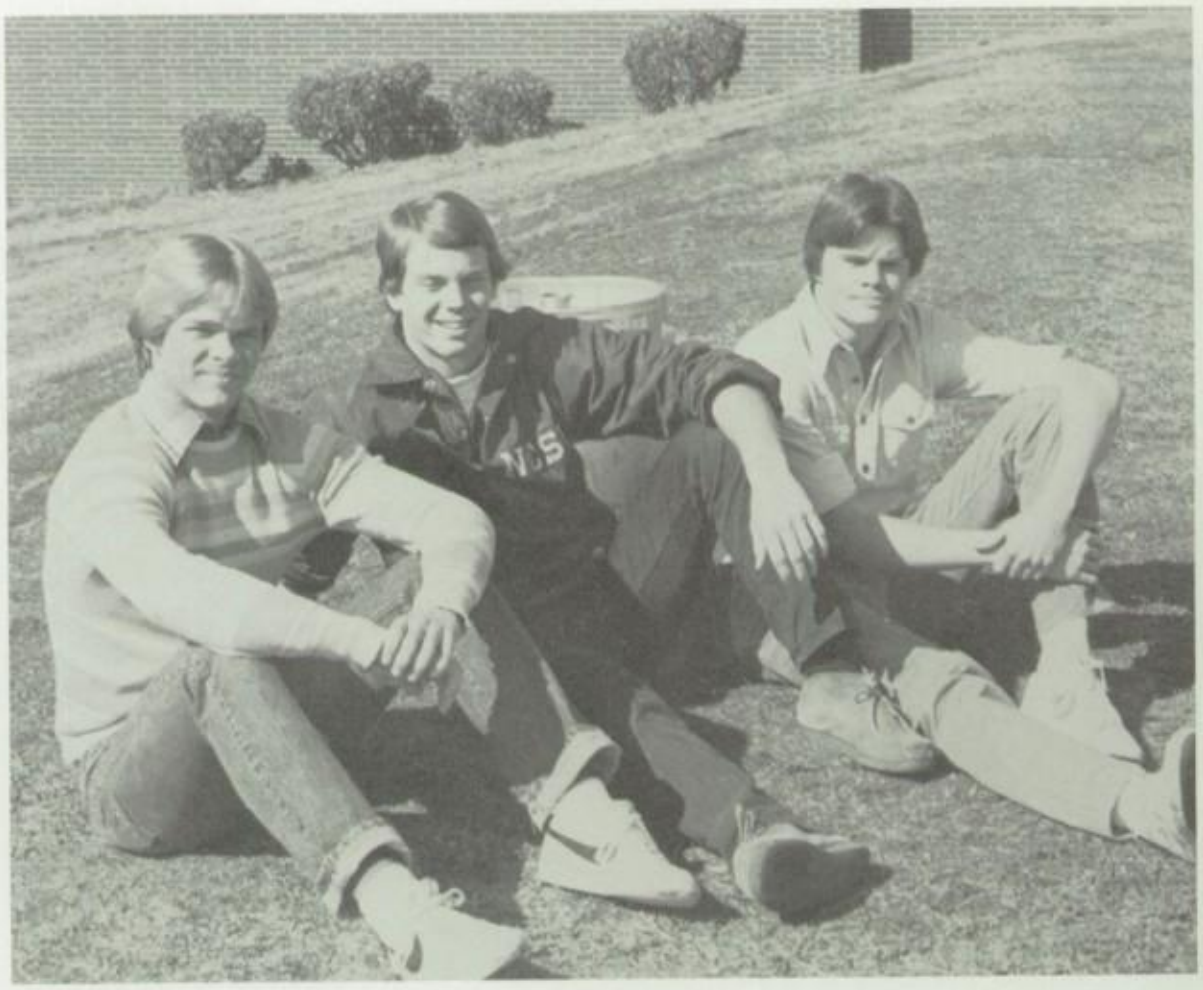
The Sabres-Out-to-Serve, a major service club at South, was a group of energetic and determined girls. The large number of members enabled the club to serve both the school and community with a variety of projects.

During the Christmas holidays, the girls participated in a "Service Day" in which they spent the day with people less fortunate than themselves. Career Day, held in the spring, proved to be the most challenging project undertaken by the S.O.S. members. The club was advised by Ms. Flattery, Mrs. Wall, and Ms. Underwood who helped the club in every way possible to make 1978-1979 a successful year.

ABOVE: Advisor Ms. Flattery and SOS members discuss future plans for the club. ABOVE LEFT: SOS members such as Marjorie Poe dressed up for school to celebrate Halloween. BELOW LEFT: President Dawn Warlick conducts an SOS meeting.

Interact Undertakes Helpful Deeds

Interact, directed by President Steven Maye, worked to help better the school and community. Some of the many service projects done by Interact members included such helpful deeds as cleaning up the campus by picking up trash and storing baggage for the Student Council Convention. Interact also set up two discos for South Mecklenburg and helped support the American Cancer Society during the organization's fund-raising drive in March of 1979. Interact was very successful thanks to the help of advisor Mr. Bartholomew.



RIGHT: Kyle Scroggins and Brian Watterson clown around after an Interact meeting. TOP: Interact officers are: Treasurer Calvin Harrelson, President Steve Maye, and Vice-President David Crabb. ABOVE: Members of Interact gather for a picture.

Blood Drive is Successful

The Red Cross Club at South Mecklenburg, advised by Ms. Wood and Ms. Guest, was a community service club. The organization's main project of the year was a Blood Drive held at the school in March. The advisors and members of the club worked closely with the Red Cross office to plan and prepare a successful drive. Volunteering teachers and students gave a pint of blood to be added to the final total. Afterwards, they received refreshments compliments of the Red Cross. Through hard work and determination, the Red Cross Club had a well organized Blood Drive to add to a successful year.

LEFT: Red Cross Advisors, Ms. Guest and Ms. Wood, discuss plans with Becky Craig.

Project Aries Members Strive Towards Brotherhood

Project Aries, a non-profit organization, was active in all junior and senior high schools in the Charlotte Mecklenburg System.

Project Aries' goal this year was to promote mutual understanding among everyone, as well as improving relations between students, teachers and administrators.

Chairperson Kellie Mickkelson and advisors Ms. Cannon and Ms. Bowden strove to promote better understanding in the schools and community through service projects, retreats, workshops and every day actions at school.

Project Aries provided South with a new Student's Handbook as well as participating in the celebration activities for Martin Luther King's birthday. Staff training retreats were held at Camp Thunderbird in November and February.

ABOVE: Project Aries members help put together booklets stressing the importance of brotherhood and respect for others.

Drama Club Displays Talent

The South Mecklenburg Drama Club helped promote the theater in all aspects of school life. Led by co-advisors, Mrs. Chris Rowell and Ms. Carolyn Allen, the group was an integral part of the South Mecklenburg Fine Arts Department.

The Drama Club's most ambitious project this year was its presentation of Noel Coward's play *Blithe Spirit.* Through the co-operation of the Drama II class, the show proved to be a success and was enjoyed by all who saw it. The Drama Club provided a booth for the I.C.C. Rodeo during Homecoming week as well as visiting area theaters to see professional productions. The Drama Club also played an important part in the Fine Arts Department's spring production, "Guys and Dolls."

RIGHT: Drama Club member Betty Mobley demonstrates her singing talent during auditions for "Guys and Dolls." BELOW: Drama Club advisor, Mrs. Chris Rowell, stands guard during audition sign-ups.

Blithe Spirit Is Successful

On November 30, December 1 and December 2, the South Mecklenburg Drama Department presented its production of *Blithe Spirit*, a comedy by the late British playwright, Noel Coward. Auditions were held the first week of October, and out of several aspiring young actors and actresses, seven were chosen.

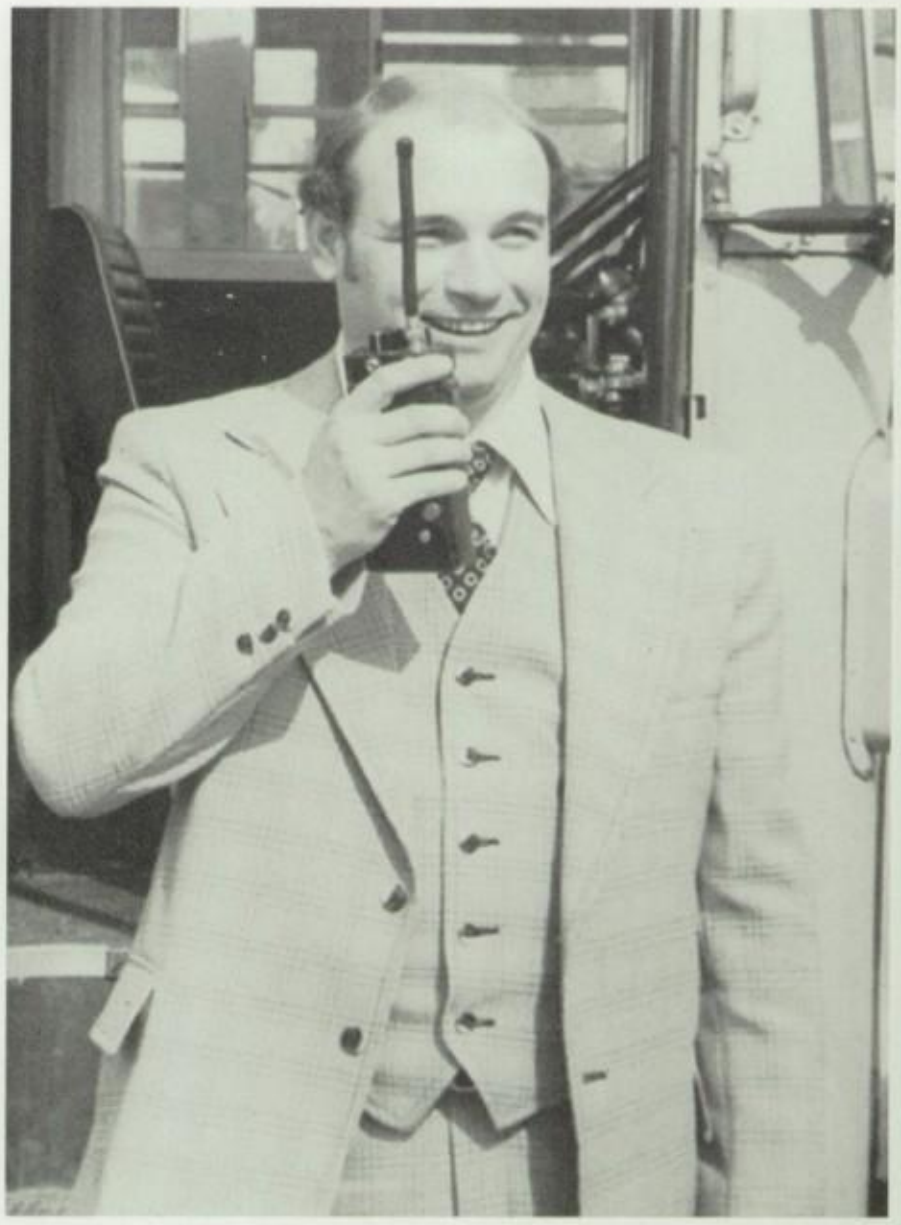
Blithe Spirit is the story of an author, Charles Condomine, who in an effort to gain material for a new book, invites an eccentric, happy-go-lucky medium, Madame Arcati, to hold a seance. Also invited to participate in the seance with Charles and his wife Ruth are Dr. and Mrs. Bradman, old family friends of the Condomines. During the evening, the ghost of Charles' first wife, Elvira, is conjured up and in an effort to murder Charles, she accidentaly kills Ruth.

Although *Blithe Spirit* maintained a British flare after being Americanized, the actions and expressions of the actors led to the credibility of the plot and the ultimate success of the show. *Blith Spirit* was directed by Mrs. Chris Rowell and thoroughly enjoyed by all who saw it.

ABOVE LEFT: Ma LEFT: Heidi Rosenfeld looks amazingly at her husband, Charles, as he makes LOW references to Mary Margret Neilson's ghost. ABOVE: Participants in the seance listen attentively as Madame Arcati communes with the spirits.

Bus Drivers Maintain Safety

Bus Drivers took on the responsibility of transporting students safely to and from school every morning and afternoon. Many meetings were held to promote good safety precautions, skills, and regulations to reduce the number of accidents. Keeping the bus clean and orderly was one of the tasks of a good bus driver at South Mecklenburg High School. Responsible drivers were often requested to make activity runs for other schools.



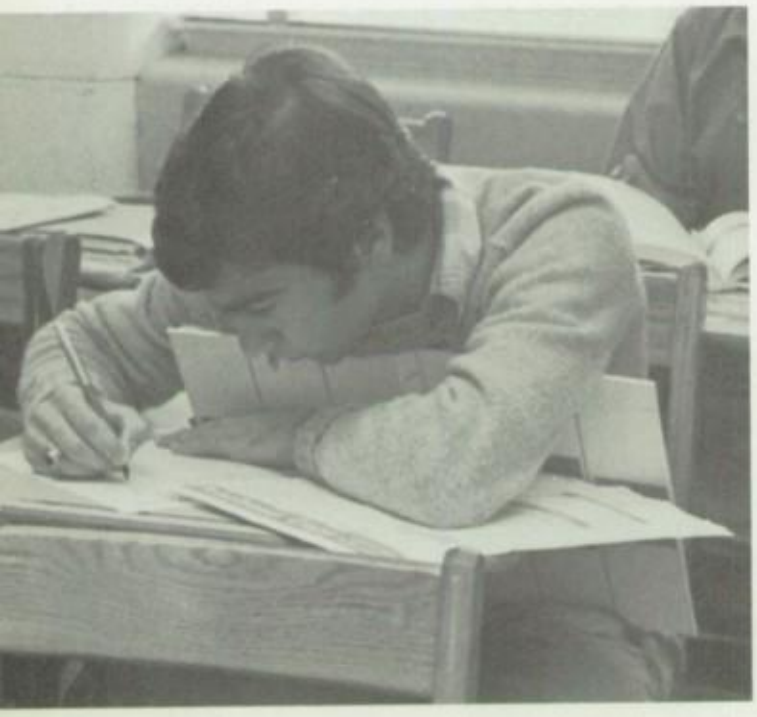
RIGHT: Director, Mr. Brown, maintains order with the bus drivers. BELOW: The bus drivers take time out to pose for a picture before making their afternoon runs.

Book Club Promotes Reading

The 1978-79 school year saw the beginning of a new club at South. The Book Club, led by advisor Dot Nahory and President Ester Kim, created a new interest in reading among the students at South. Through the reading and discussion of various books, the Book Club strove to make students more aware of important literary works. Mysteries, plays, novels, and fiction all helped to introduce members to the fascinating world of reading.

ABOVE: Eric Schell and Shep Berryhill present their views during a Book Club meeting. ABOVE LEFT: Mrs. Nahory prepares the discussion topics for the next meeting. BELOW LEFT: Book Club members pose amidst a vast supply of books.

ABOVE: The 1978-79 Somecka Staff poses for a family portrait. BELOW LEFT: Mike Lapomarda works diligently on copy for the yearbook. BELOW RIGHT: Advisor Kathleen Tawney concentrates on the job of proofreading.



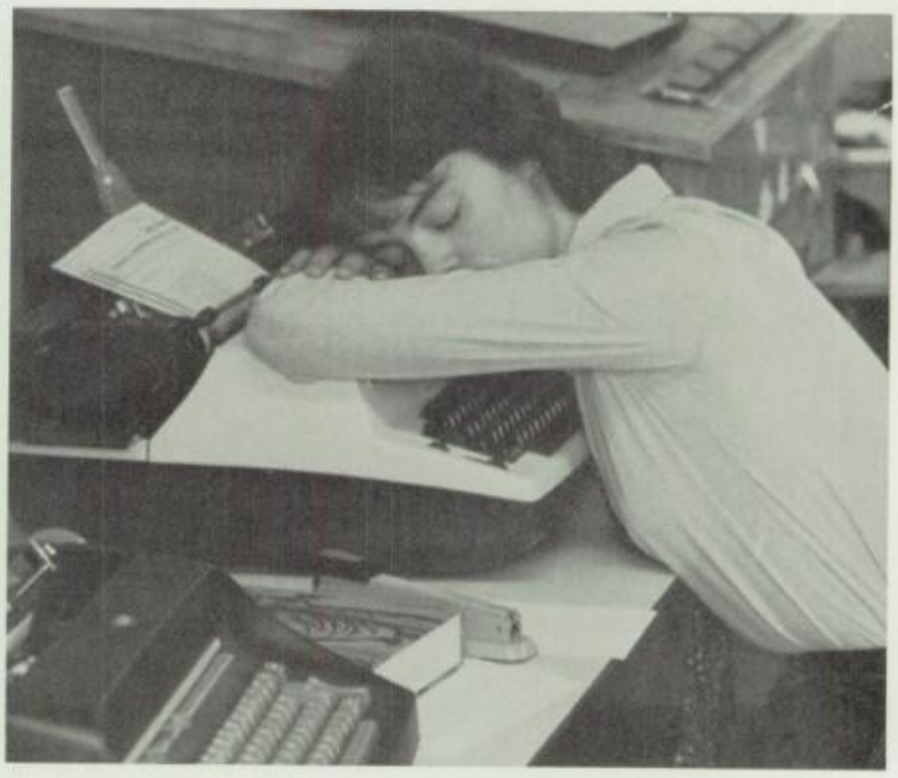
Somecka Staff Works To Create An Interesting Yearbook

The Somecka Staff strove to provide an accurate record of the past year at South Mecklenburg. Many students in the class were new to the annual staff and had never experienced the awesome tasks of arranging picture schedules, drawing layouts, and writing copy.

The year staff was then divided into groups to begin the hard work necessary to create an interesting annual. Advisor, Ms. Kathleen Tawney, and editor, John Stipp, supervised all phases of work. Ms. Tawney, like many others, was also new to the Somecka Staff.

Mr. Les Browne once again acted as the Somecka Staff's photography advisor. In addition to the regular Somecka photographers, Mr. Browne also received assistance from his daily photography classes. The help of those students involved in taking pictures was greatly appreciated by the entire Somecka Staff.

ABOVE LEFT: Somecka Editor John Stipp takes a break from the pressures of creating an annual. BELOW LEFT: Section Editors Robin Hinnant, Lisa Bishop, Ellen Peeler, and Marjorie Poe find a little time for joking around. BELOW: Cricket Langford takes time off from work for a nap.



RIGHT: Editor Adam Bernstein instructs the Blade Staff in how to produce an interesting paper. BELOW: Ralph McKnight, Billy Voight, Andrew Bernstein, Michelle Schultze, Karen Johnston, Lori Irvin examine a finished copy of the Sabre's Blade.

Sabre's Blade Informs Students Of Events

The Sabre's Blade was vital in informing the student body of current events during the school year. Under the guidance of editor Adam Bernstein and advisor Kathleen Tawney, the Blade staff worked hard to recognize and publicize South's students and activities. Through the paper, the student body was provided with knowledge and enlightenment for a slight break in the everyday monotony of school life.

A decision was made by the staff this year to produce and distribute the Sabre's Blade twice a month instead of weekly. This decision enabled the staff to spend more time on each individual edition of the paper, to better fill students needs.

As advisor Kathleen Tawney once stated: "Through hard work, never ending effort, and investigative reporting, the Sabre's Blade fought a never ending battle for truth, justice, and the American way!"

ABOVE LEFT: Andy Mottesheard and Suzy Parker work on newspaper while Mark Katibah and Brian Watterson amuse themselves. LEFT: Advisor Tawney reveals her inner self. ABOVE: Ms. Tawney, Celeste Griffin, and Adam Bernstein discuss the finer points of working on the Blade Staff.

RIGHT: Stg. Padgett supervises during Drill Team exercises. BELOW: The Blue and Gold Waves perform with precision during a contest.

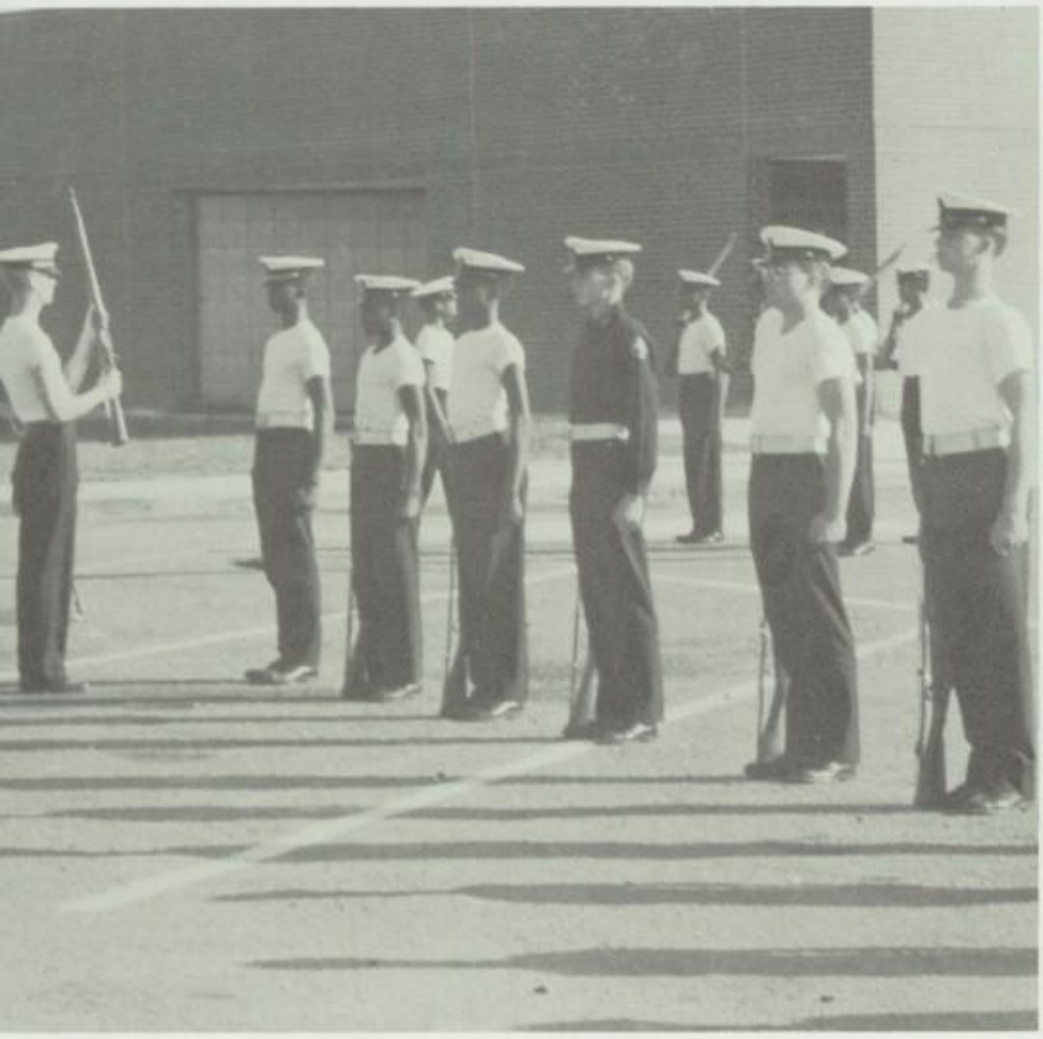
ABOVE: NJROTC performs well during a contest. RIGHT: The NJROTC Colorguard presents the flag before a football game.

The NJROTC Maintains Its Past Success

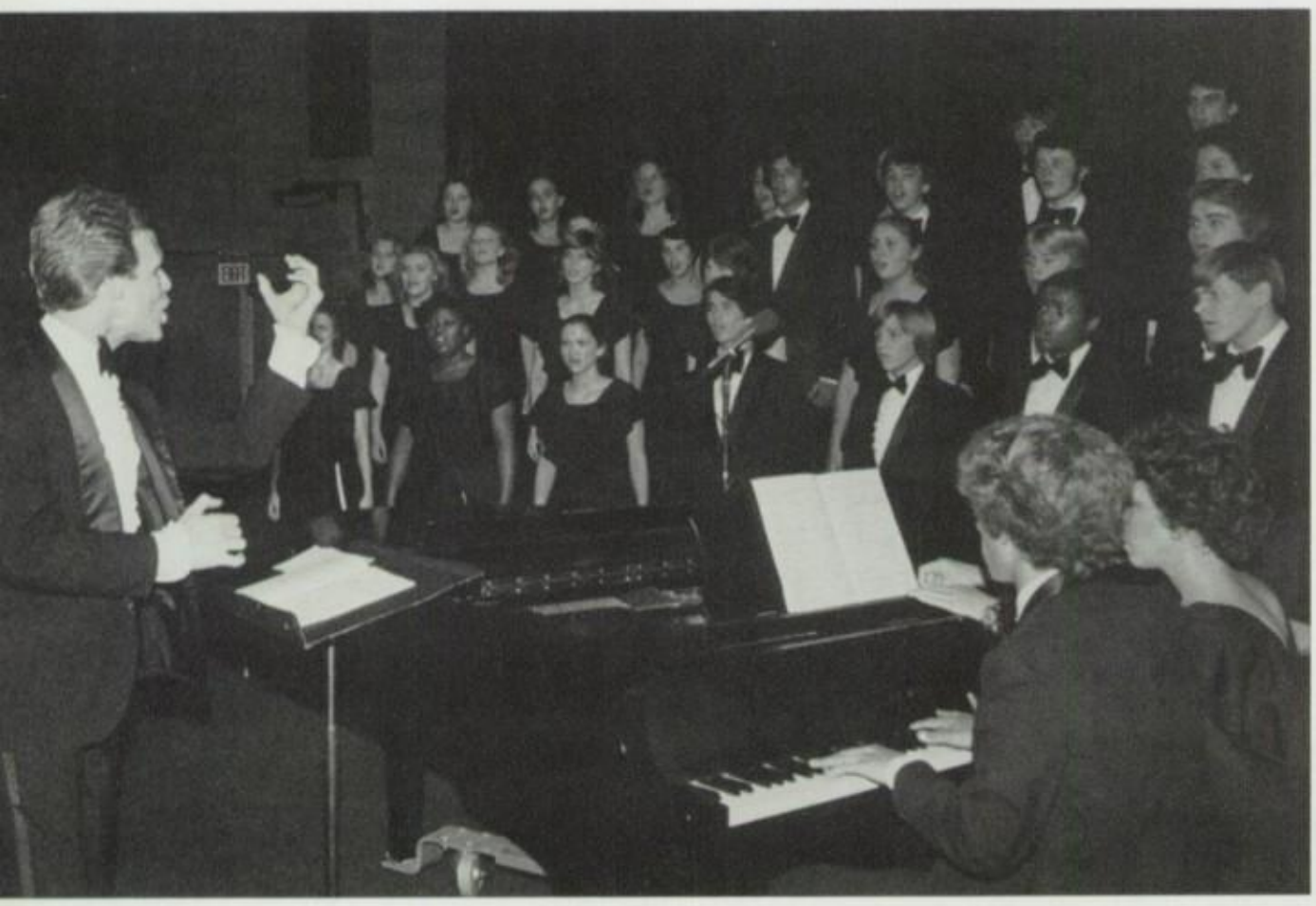
The NJROTC program at South was established to try and instill a sense of pride and respect in oneself, in one's fellow classmates, and in one's uniform. Field trips were made to provide students with an ample opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of military life.

The Drill Team, headed by male commanders, Richard Jones and Raymond Glenn, and female commanders Melissa McGalliard and Robin McKnight, strove to maintain the high standards set in previous years. The team attended several competitions ranging from Washington, D.C. to Florida. The Colorguard displayed pride and patriotism while performing at various functions.

The NJROTC highlighted the 1978-79 school year with the Duke Drill Meet and the Military Ball.



ABOVE: Curtis Smith stands at attention during a pep rally. ABOVE LEFT: The NJROTC Drill Team performs during a pep rally. BELOW LEFT: Practice and inspection make for an outstanding NJROTC unit.



TOP: The Sabre Singers pose in uniform before giving a performance. ABOVE: The award-winning Concert Choir performs with excellence. RIGHT: Mr. Stabler directs the singing groups during rehearsal.

Choral Groups Represent South

The Concert Choir was a group of highly talented students who represented South Mecklenburg at competitions and performances. The 50 members were selected in individual auditions and were required to take an active part in all choral activities. The Chamber Singers were 24 select students chosen from the Concert Choir. This group sang primarily chamber music-both classical and contemporary. The Sabre Singers were a special group of students comprised of select Chamber Singer members. The 12 students performed a wide range of songs varying from classical to popular music.

The Chorale was a female choral organization consisting of tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade girls. It contained a balanced mixture of alto and soprano voices. The group performed several times during the year at shows with the Concert Choir.

The 1978-79 Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Sabre Singers, and Chorale were directed by Mr. Dennis Stabler who put in long hours working with the groups preparing them for performances.

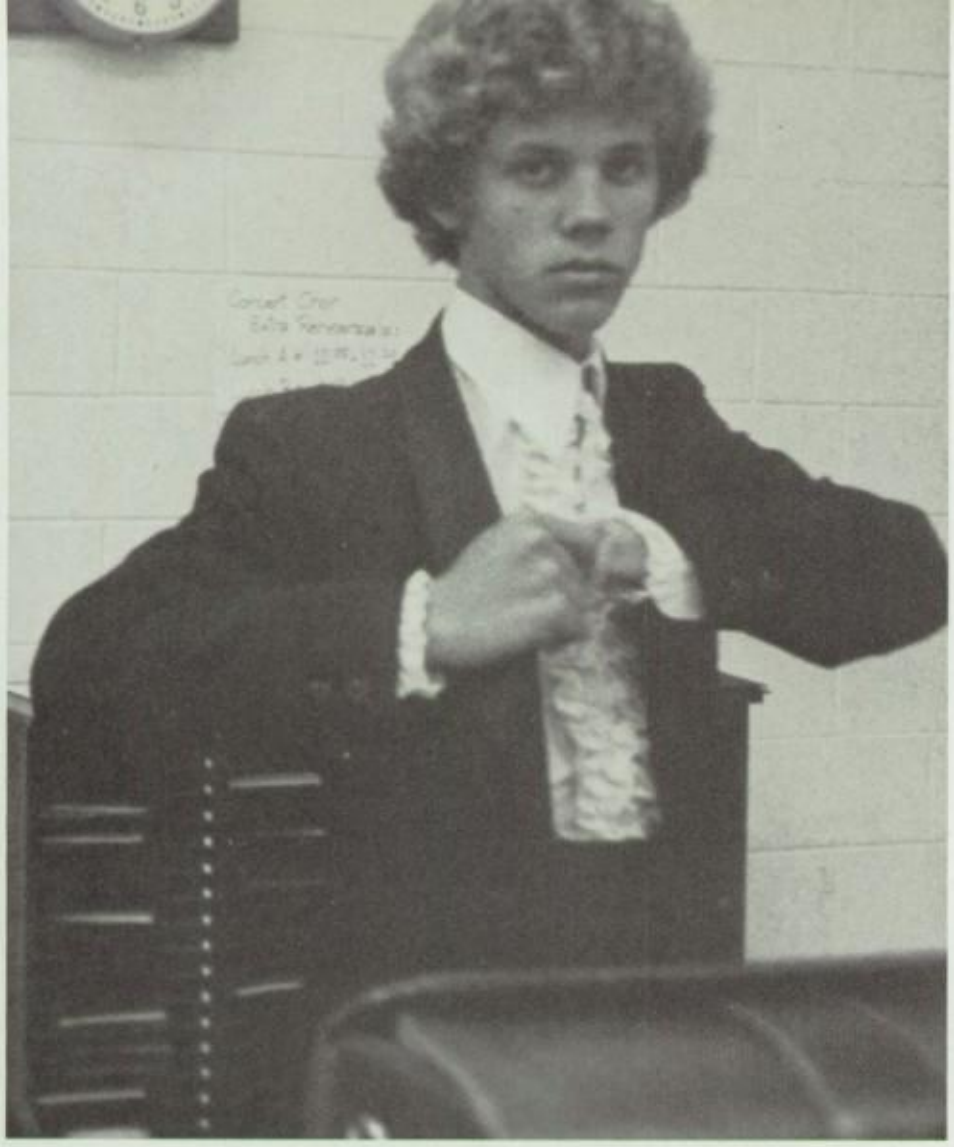
BOVE: Bill Congdon is the accompanying pianist.
LOW: The Chorale poses for a picture before ginning practice.

Marching Band Returns to Concert Music

With marching season over, the Marching Band returned to E building and divided into two new musical organizations- Symphonic Band and the Woodwind Emsemble.

The Symphonic Band was directed by Mr. Jack Fetner, a new addition to South's musical faculty. The group's members worked on improving their musical skills. Mr. Ray Neel conducted the Woodwind Ensemble which strove for excellence while rehearsing concert music. The stageband which was directed by Mr. Fetner, performed during intermission of Senior Follies as well as at a fund-raising Hot Dog Dinner sponsored by the band parents.

RIGHT: Drummer Mike Beal awaits his signal to begin a Symphonic Band rehearsal. BELOW: Mr. Neel conducts members of the Woodwind Ensemble.



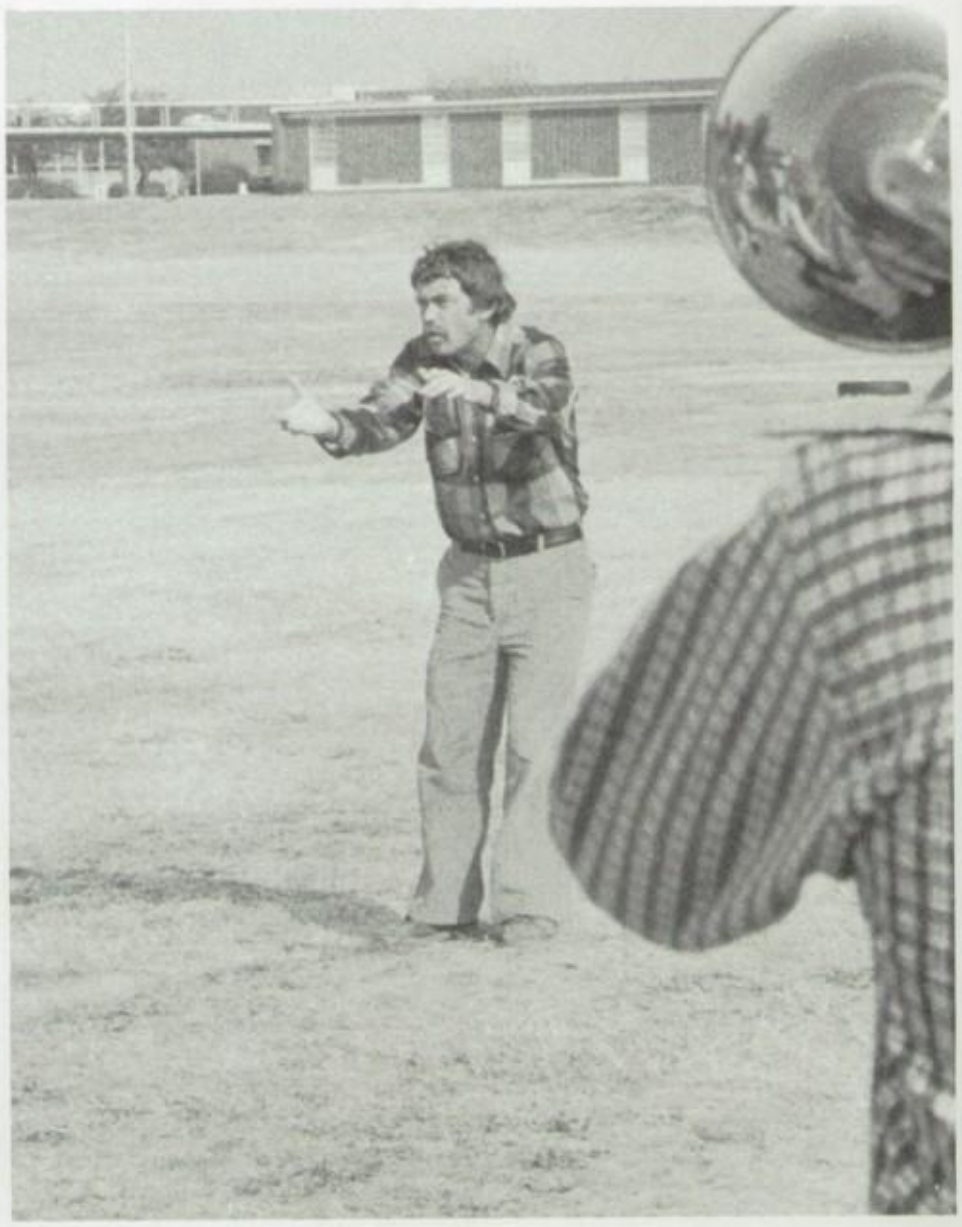
Orchestra Displays Musical Abilities

The 1978-79 Concert Orchestra was an important part of the Fine Arts Department at South. Directed by Mr. Ray Neel, the orchestra's 43 members were selected in individual auditions on the basis of their musical ability.

Through daily practice and hard work, the Concert Orchestra was able to present several fine performances. The Concert Orchestra also served as the pit orchestra for the Fine Arts Department's spring musical, "Guys and Dolls."

TOP: Bill Congdon prepares for an Orchestra Concert. ABOVE: Michael Nail and Andrew Bernstein practice in preparation for an Orchestra Concert.

RIGHT: Mr. Ray Neel, knowing how important practice can be, conducts band members after school. BELOW: Mike Sheltra controls the band with finesse.



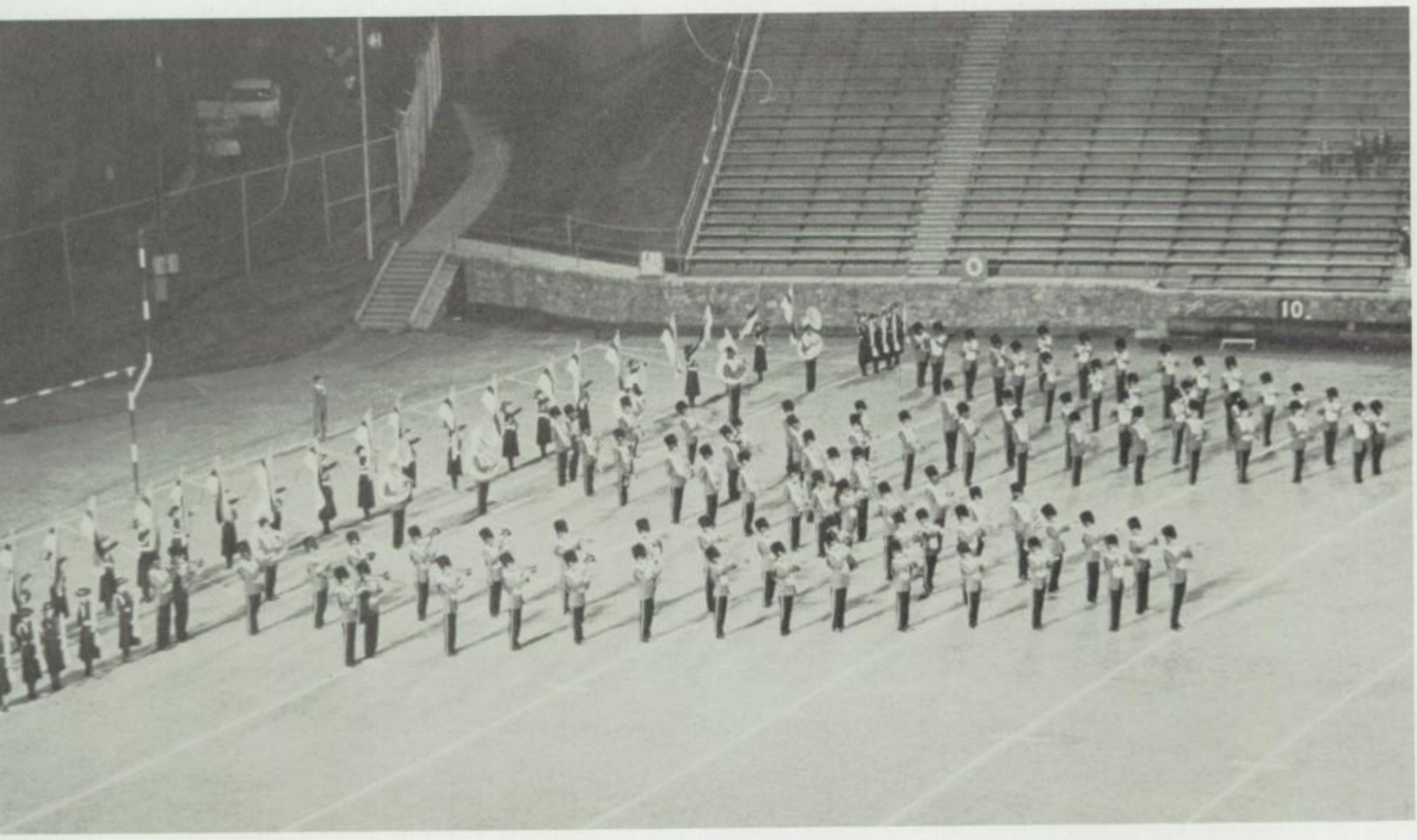
ABOVE: Percussion section leads the band in for the half-time show. RIGHT: Gary Guthrie takes a rest after a strenuous day of practice.

ABOVE: Mike Dunn leads the band at half-time show.
BELOW: Sabres open game with the National Anthem.

The Marching Sabres Prove Superior

The South Mecklenburg Marching Band, under the direction of Mr. Rayfield Neel, Mr. Jack Fetner, and student teacher, Mr. Hugo Dorsheck, enjoyed a successful year. Led by Drum Majors Mike Dunn and Mike Sheltra, the Marching Sabres, consisting of the Band, the Drum Line, the Rifle Line, the Flag Corps and two feature twirlers performed at al the football games and several competitions.

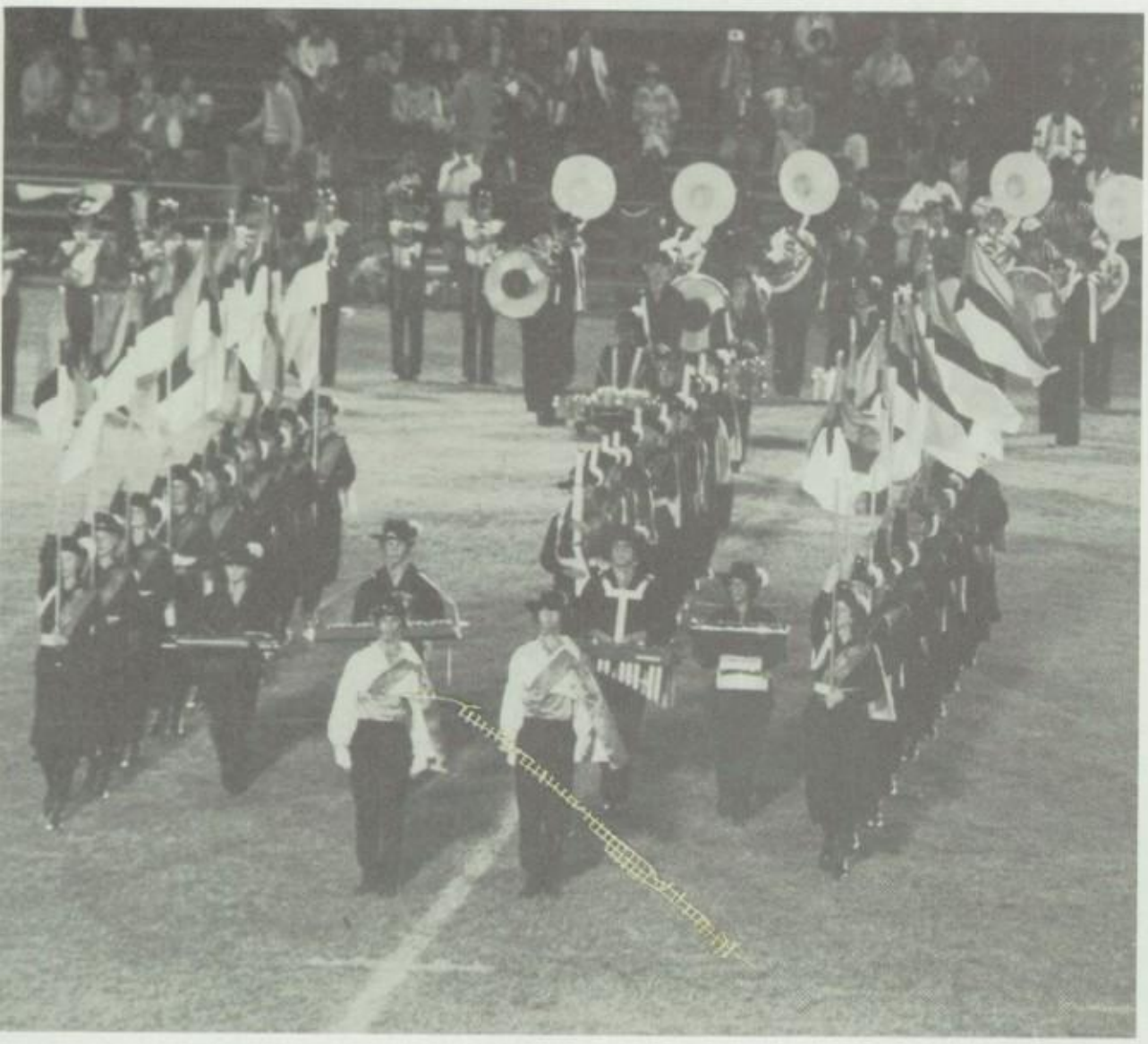
During the 1978-1979 marching season, the band attended the Fort Mill Exhibition in Fort Mill, S.C.; the Richmond County Band Festival in Rockingham, N.C. achieving a rating of excellent; and the Mullins Band Festival in Mullins, S.C. achieving a superior rating. The Marching Sabres also participted as the Honor Band in the Carousel Parade.



Rifle Squad Adds Style To Routines

Displaying strict military style the Rifle Squad performed several routines which highlighted the various actions of the Marching Band. Led by co-captains Molly Johnston and Francis Rushing, the Rifle Squad ended a successful year through performances at football games, competitions, and in the Carousel Parade.

TOP RIGHT: Rifle girl Patrice Ashford bows during the football half-time show. ABOVE: The Rifle Squad shows military style as soloist Ken Hawk performs. RIGHT: Rifle girls Molly Johnston and Kim Pendly perform during the half-time show.



Colorful Flag Corps Adds Excitement

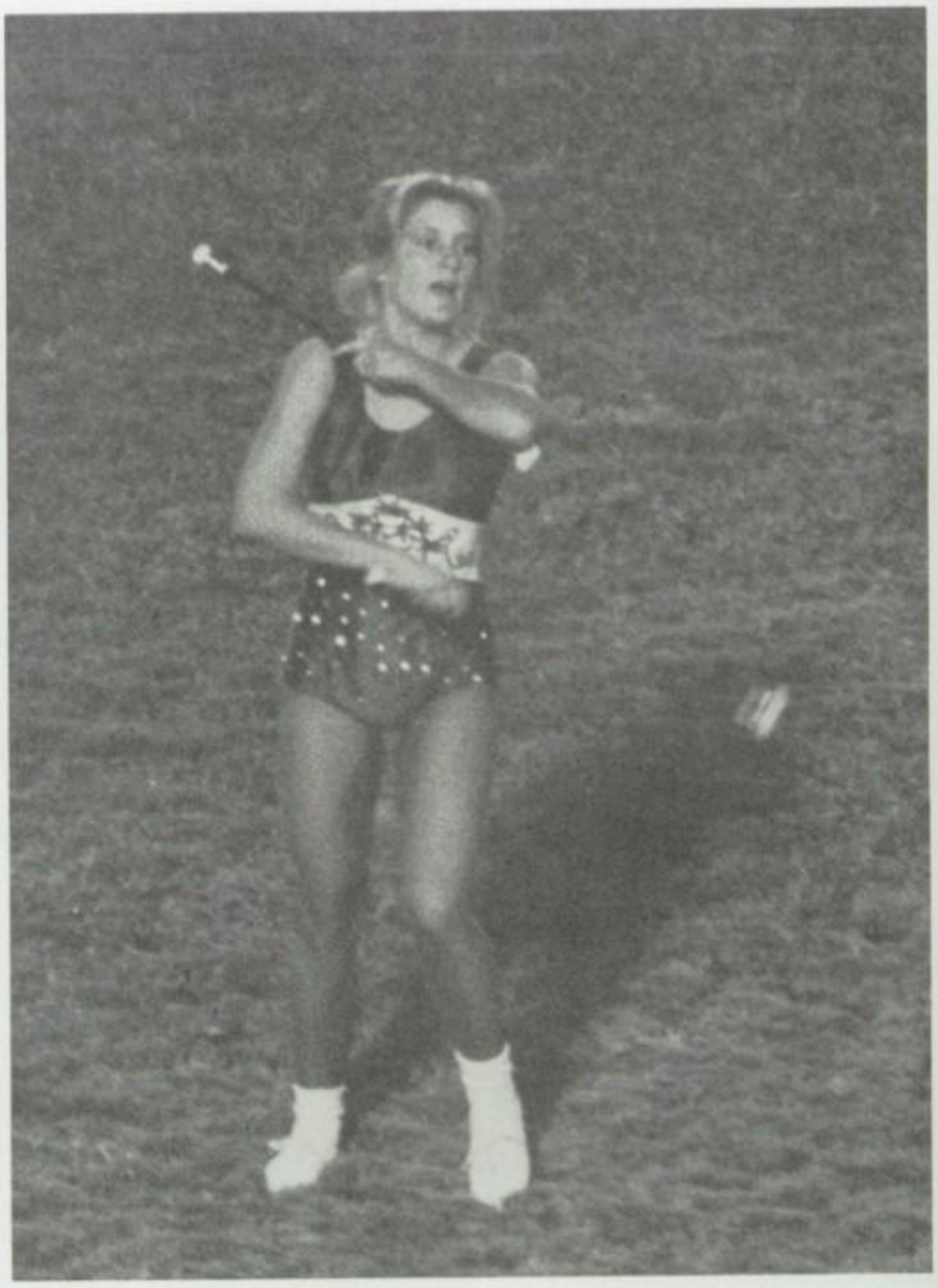
The Flag Corps led by head Carolyn Davis and co-head Celeste Griffin, incorporated a spirit of pageantry into the military style of the Marching Band. Comprised of four sophomores, nine juniors, and eight seniors, the Flag Corps proved to be an exciting group of performers at football games, tough competitions at other schools, and at the Carousel Parade held on Thanksgiving Day.

TOP LEFT: The Flag Corps, percussion section, and Drum Majors lead the band on the field for the half-time show. LEFT: The Flag Corps poses in military style as the half-time show opens. ABOVE: Celeste Griffin, Michele Shultze, and Marjorie Poe discuss the finer points of being a flag girl.

Twirlers Create Exciting Routines

Karen Durrell and Kim Kiser were once again Feature Twirlers with the Marching Sabres. The two girls created glittering routines coordinated with the music of the band. The twirlers devoted many hours of practice after school to gain sureness and perfection in performance of their half-time routines.

RIGHT: Nearing completion of a difficult double baton performance, Karen Durell prepares for the grand finale. BELOW: Kim Kiser shows enthusiasm while performing a colorful routine during a football half-time.



J.V. Cheers Add New Spirit To South

Chosen in the fall by a group of faculty members, eight sophomore girls became members of the Junior Varsity cheerleading squad. The squad's spirited enthusiasm was demonstrated at all boys' and girls' Junior Varsity sports events as they cheered for both the athletes and the crowd.

Through various fund-raising activities, the girls hoped to raise enough money to purchase new uniforms. With Hester Cole and Kathy Pettice as advisors, the J.V. cheerleaders became an active part of school life in their first year at South. Led by head cheerleader Sandra Aycock, the squad showed determination and hard work in helping to build the morale of both students and faculty.

ABOVE LEFT: Lisa Wilbur, Anne Bidel, Tracy Stevenson, Kim Simpson, Theresa McCullough, and Head Sandra Aycock cheer for a J.V. Basketball game. BELOW LEFT: Head Sandra Aycock watches Anne Bidel, awaiting her time to join in a ripple routine. ABOVE: Advisors Kathy Pettice and Hester Cole take in plays of a Junior Varsity Football game as the J.V. cheerleaders perform behind them.

RIGHT: The Lettergirl's drum routine is a great success and helps cheer the team on to defeat Myers Park. BELOW: Head Lettergirl Beth Wilbur cheers the Sabres on at a pep rally.

RIGHT: From the look on her face, Katy Crowe seems to enjoy the life of a Lettergirl. ABOVE: Debra Hopkins smiles and eyes the camera with suspicion.

Lettergirls Perform With Excellence

The South Mecklenburg Lettergirls were a pom pom squad that promoted school spirit at athletic events and provided dancing entertainment for many school related activities. These girls were chosen in the spring of 1978 and practiced all summer to achieve perfection.

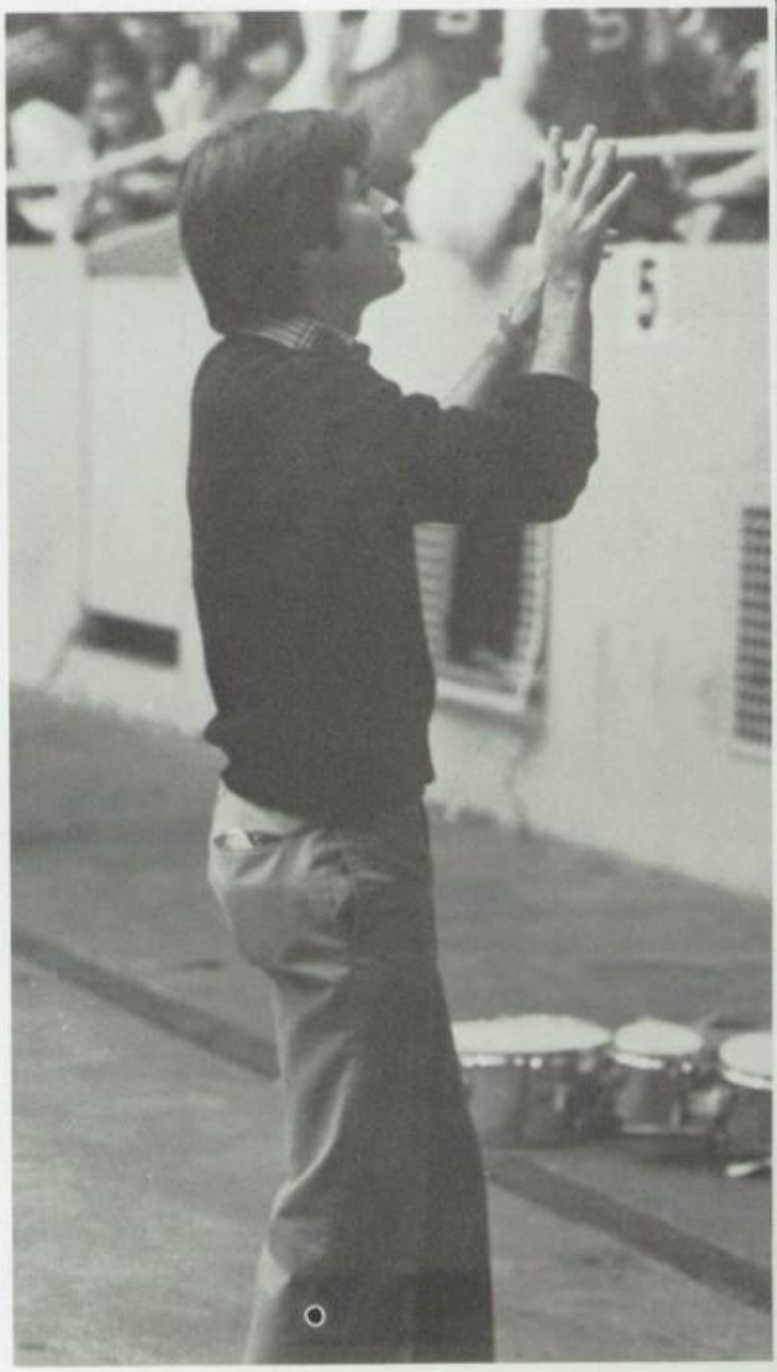
Their various activities included pom pom routines for sophomore orientation, basketball half-times, pep rallies, an opening act in the Miss South Pageant, marching in the Carrousel Parade, and performing a Western dance with the band at the Homecoming game. The Lettergirls were a continued tradition at South and acquired a fine reputation among rival high schools as a very creative and talented group.

LEFT: Donna York shows her spirit at a pep rally. BELOW: Cindy McKnight, Amy Jenkinson, Debra Hopkins, Chrys Crawford, Donna York, Anne Clark, Melinda Moffit, Shirley Jones, Beth Cantrell, Katy Crowe, and Beth Wilbur are the 1978-79 Lettergirls.

Pep Band Plays Spirited Songs

The 1978-79 Pep Band, directed by Mike Dunn, was a major factor in promoting school spirit at South Mecklenburg. The 23 members, who played at pep rallies and basketball games, stimulated school spirit by playing the Sabre fight song as well as other popular tunes.

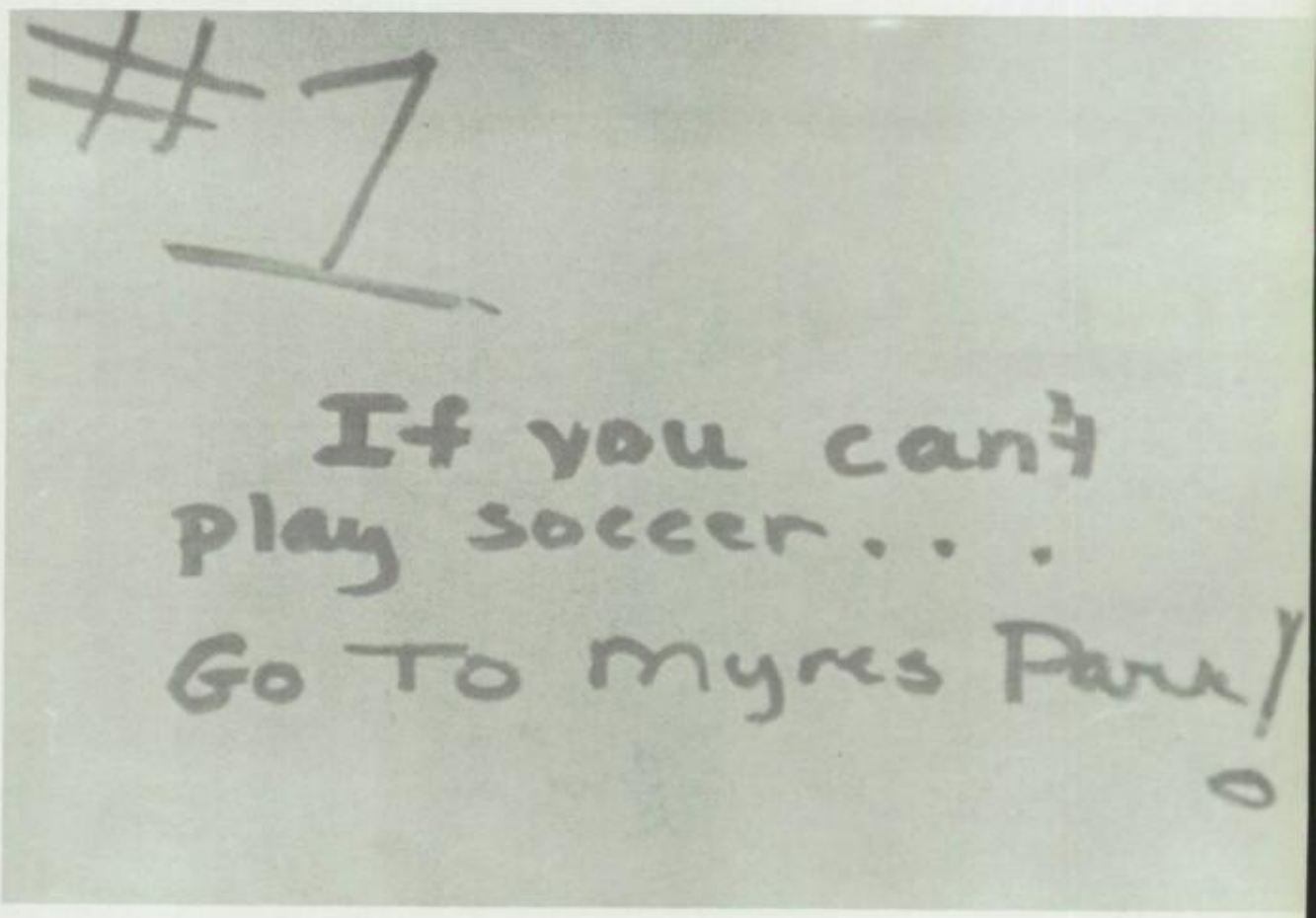
The group also used their musical abilities to enhance a show performed by the South Mecklenburg Lettergirls. The Pep Band concluded a successful year by giving an effective performance at the Boy's City Finals held at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.



ABOVE: The Pep Band performs in the Coliseum during the South versus Myers Park basketball game. ABOVE RIGHT: David Brown plays the drums for the Pep Band. BELOW RIGHT: Mike Dunn directs the members of the Pep Band in a spirited song.

Pep Club Signs Support Teams

The South Mecklenburg Pep Club encouraged South's athletic teams by promoting school spirit throughout the 1978-79 school year. The members, with help from advisors Mrs. Fowler and Ms. Hill, took turns wearing the Sabre suit to various school functions such as pep rallies, football games, and basketball games. The Pep Club also painted signs supporting sports events. The main objective of the members was to raise enough money to buy a new Sabre suit to leave at South for future years.



ABOVE: Signs such as this support the various sports teams. ABOVE LEFT: Pep Club Advisor Ms. Hill gets in the Homecoming spirit by dressing up Western style. BELOW LEFT: Pep Club members take turns wearing the South Sabre suit.

ABOVE RIGHT: Pam Young, Carrie Bither, Sandra Ingemanson, Catherine Williams, Connie Bones, LaGena Lookabill, Vivian Davidson, Katherine Crowley, Mary Margaret Neilson, Toni Powell, Kelly Shamp, Robin McKnight, and Gwana Richardson perform a spectacular pyramid. BELOW RIGHT: Mary Margaret Neilson, Katherine Crowley, Kelly Shamp, Carrie Bither, Pam Young, Vivian Davidson, and Cecelia Bishop pose for the camera. ABOVE: LaGena Lookabill smiles with enthusiasm during a football game.

Cheerleaders Promote Spirit

The South Mecklenburg Varsity Cheerleaders promoted school spirit and unity by supporting all major varsity athletic teams during competition, and by performing at pep rallies. The fourteen talented girls were chosen by a panel of faculty members during last spring's tryouts which were open to all rising juniors and seniors.

Head Cheerleader Connie Bones and Co-Head Mary Margaret Neilson led the other girls during their practice every school day, with help from Faculty Advisors Mavis Thompson and Cheryl Allen.

The Varsity Cheerleaders kept up their reputation as an exciting and colorful squad by incorporating gymnastics and rythmic steps in a military style. Their bright cheers and astounding pyramids kept both the athletes and the spectators on their toes.

ABOVE LEFT: Cecelia Bishop and Pam Young prepare for the next cheer as Toni Powell intensely watches the football game. BELOW LEFT: Advisor Mrs. Thompson discusses new routines with Connie Bones and Robin McKnight. BELOW: Mrs. Thompson and Ms. Allen look on with pride as the cheerleaders perform.

The Beta Club Honors Success

The National Beta Club strove to promote scholarship, leadership, and good citizenship among its members. Inductions held in November brought new students into this highly recognized honors club. Worthy character, outstanding attitude, and significant achievements were all necessary for a student to become a member.

Projects were held throughout the year to involve the members in various services to the school and community. The year was begun with a very successful money-raising doughnut sale. A progressive dinner was also held to introduce new members into the club. Advisors Mrs. Jones and Mr. Curtis supervised all activities of the Beta Club.

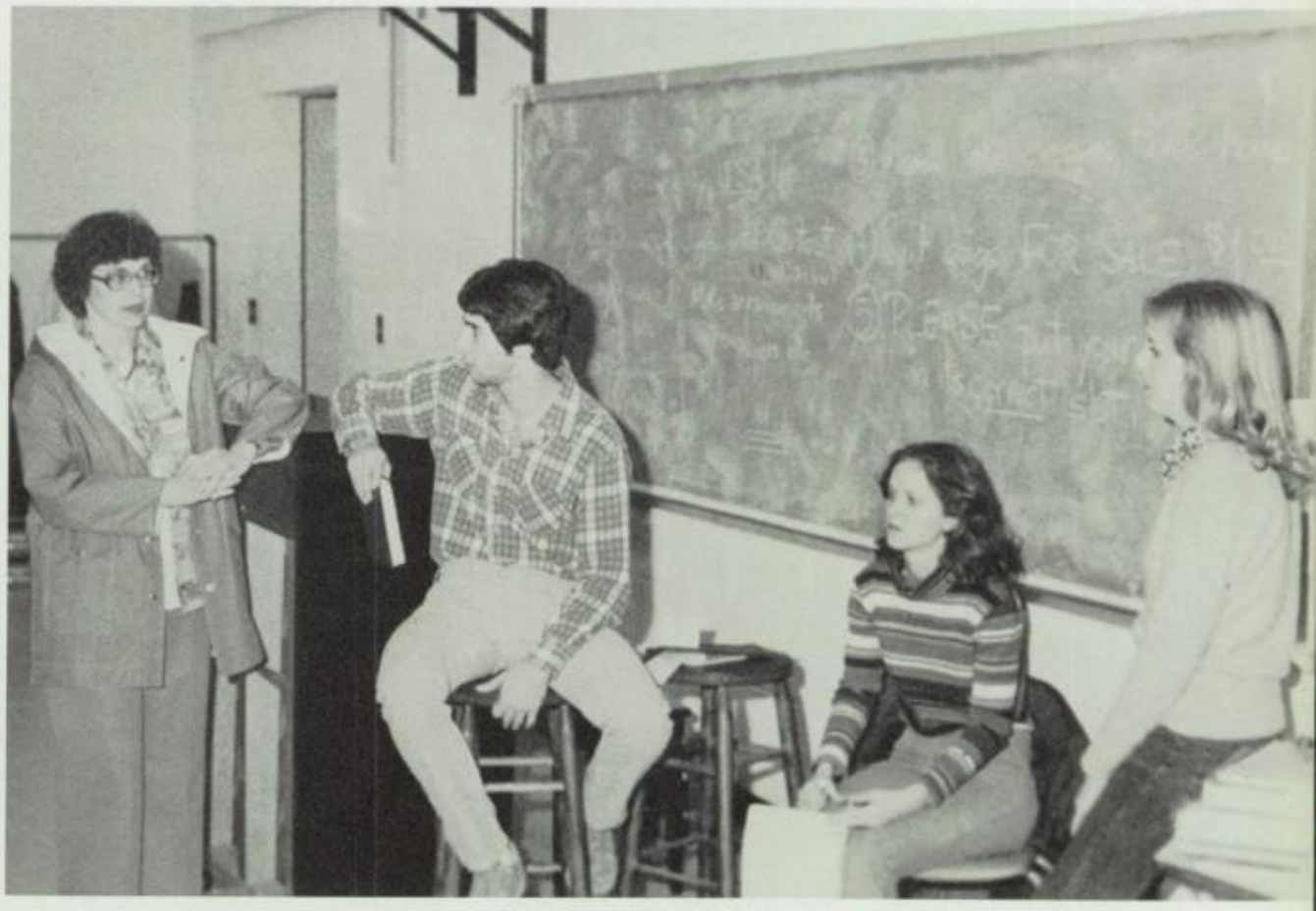
ABOVE RIGHT: Inductees listen attentively as the Beta Club officers recite words of wisdom. BELOW RIGHT: Advisors Mr. Curtis and Mrs. Jones discuss future plans for the Beta Club. ABOVE: President Mike Wood offers his congratulations to new members.

National Honor Society Strives for Excellence

The purpose of the National Honor Society was to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in all students at South. The Honor Society was not a money-making organization. However, the members sold student directories in order to give a scholarship at the end of the year to an outstanding member.

An induction ceremony held in December proved entertaining to all who attended. Guest speaker, C.J. Underwood, delivered a most interesting speech to the new inductees.

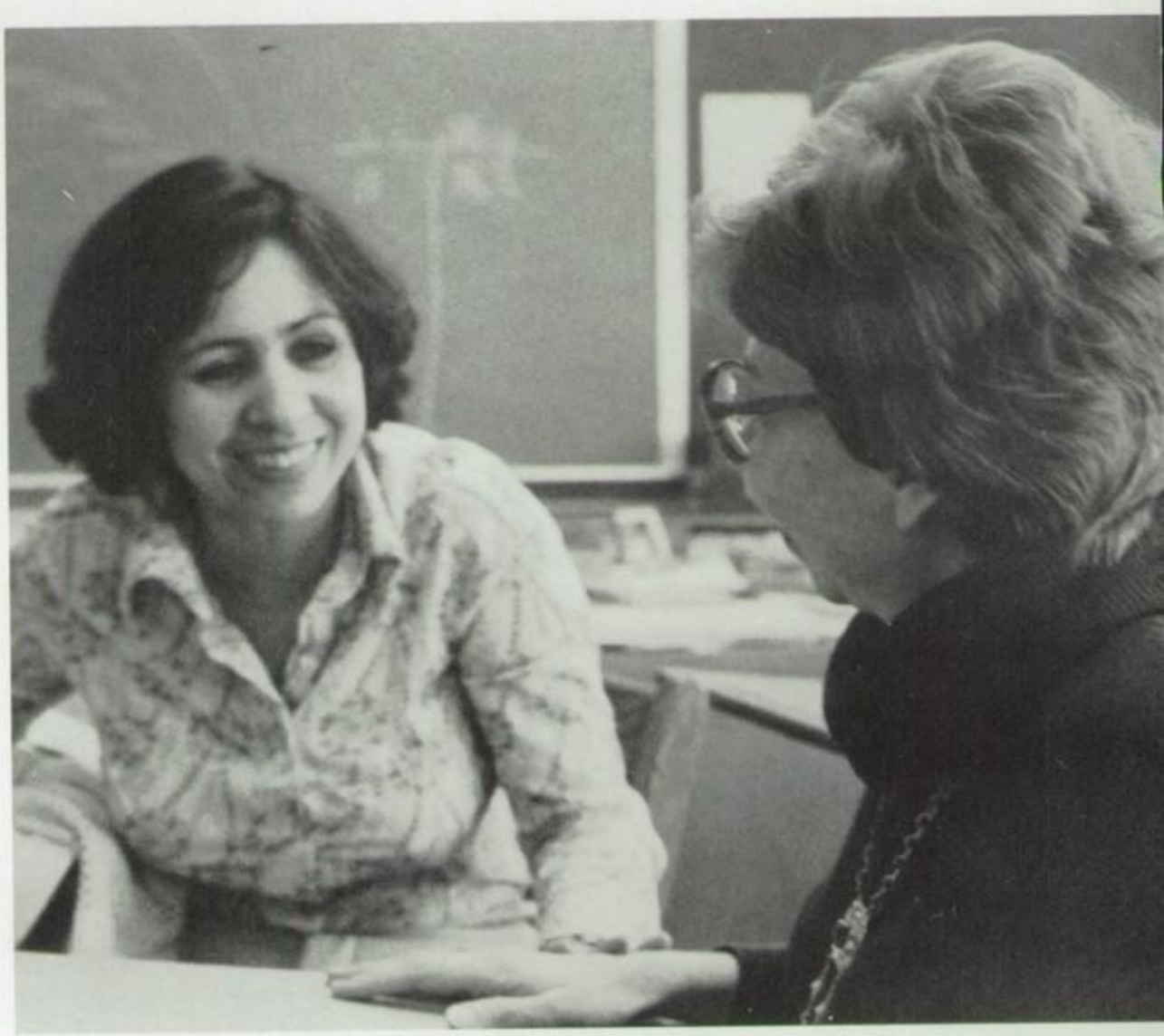
A tutoring program offered students at South the opportunity to receive help from the members of the National Honor Society. Both tutor and student benefited greatly from this program.



ABOVE: Advisor, Mrs. McCathern, talks with the National Honor Society officers David Kouri, Ellen Peeler, and Marjorie Poe. ABOVE LEFT: New members Harvey Helms, Kim Beal, Paige Chandler, and Kiki Tingas seem to be enjoying their first Honor Society meeting. BELOW LEFT: Advisor, Mrs. Knight, goes through the office records to select new members for the Honor Society.

Spanish Customs Interest Club Members

The purpose of the Spanish Club was to develop and create in its members an interest in the culture, history, and language of Spanish-speaking countries. The club exhibited several special projects. On November 16th, the Spanish Club celebrated Foreign Language Day on which students and teachers dressed up in outfits representing the costumes of foreign countries. The special Christmas program was done in Mexican style with folk-dancing, songs, breaking of the traditional piñata, and Mexican food specialties. In February the Mardi Gras was celebrated with great spirit. With the help of advisor Mrs. Pedersen, the Spanish Club upheld the Spanish spirit throughout the year, and was enjoyed by everyone.



ABOVE: Margarita Plaza grants Billy Powell permission to voyage to America. ABOVE RIGHT: Mike Petrowski, Keith Warner, Bob McIntosh, and Billy Powell participate in the Spanish Club play. BELOW RIGHT: Advisors, Mrs. Myrna Hoffmann and Ms. Marion Osborne, discuss future plans for the Spanish Club.

Club Members Study French Culture

This year's French Club, *Le Cercle Francais*, was led by President Ester Kim and advisor Darryl Blanton. In its activities, meetings, and services, the club attempted to encourage the general comprehension of the French language as well as promote an interest in the French people and their culture.

Members of the French Club wore costumes to brighten the school campus on Foreign Language Day, and the club provided a great service for the Student Council Convention in November by helping with refreshments. At their annual Christmas dinner, members of the club prepared various dishes in French cuisine. They also enjoyed another meal, this time prepared by experts, at Cafe Eugene, a local French restaurant. Throughout the year, French Club members enjoyed each other's company and their mutual desire to learn more of their special interest: French.

ABOVE: Kim Small looks on while Jere Hawk gracefully dances with Paige Whitney. ABOVE LEFT: Shari O'Toole comes to school incognito on Foreign Language Day. BELOW LEFT: Advisor, Mr. Darryl Blanton, awaits the start of another French Club meeting.

RIGHT: John Stipp tests Heidi Rosenfeld on her knowledge of the location of the gullet of a worm. BELOW: The Interkeys prove they're macho.

ABOVE: Bradley Williams and Connie Bones celebrate the last night of Senior Follies. RIGHT: Sandra Jetton, Eric Brown, Pam Young, and Sylvester Sarratt smile with enthusiasm after their excellent performance.

Seniors Make Their Dreams Come True

"Making Our Dreams Come True" was the theme for the 1978-79 Senior Follies. The Follies were presented on the evenings of March 1, 2, and 3 at the South Mecklenburg High School Auditorium.

The Senior Class started working before Christmas and continued until opening night. Mrs. James, Mrs. Rowell, Mrs. McLean, and Mr. Moss helped plan and co-ordinate the show. Follies consisted of several skits dealing with various aspects of school life. The variety of acts offered a wide scope of talent, taking the audience from the ballet floor to the lunchroom line. Senior Follies were emceed by Andy Mottesheard and Brian Watterson who portrayed the hosts of television's popular show "Fantasy Island". The show was well received by all who saw it and left the audience with a foot-stomping, happy feeling that will long be remembered.

ABOVE: The backstage crew consists of Mark Teat, El Chino Martin, Lucy Lamb, Kim Melton, and Mike Lapomarda. ABOVE LEFT: Judy Tuttle prepares for her fantasy. BELOW LEFT: Andy Mottesheard and Brian Watterson change fantasies to reality.

FFA Explores Agriculture

The Future Farmers of America was designed to help members develop skills and attain knowledge helpful in agriculture. The club intended to promote leadership, improvement of the environment, development of new recreational activities, and a love for country life.

ABOVE: Leslie Palmer and Juanita Barbee examine a large healthy fern. RIGHT: Dennis Ridgeway and Beth Myers work together to transplant foliage. BELOW: Juanita Barbee, Leslie Palmer, and Beth Myers provide care in tending the greenhouse flowers.

FTA Becomes An Active Part of South

The 1978-79 chapter of Future Teachers of America was led by President Pam Young and advisor Ms. Dorothy Floyd. One of the club's purposes was to provide realistic career exploration activities to assist students interested in careers in education. Activities enabling students to gain insights into the significance of teaching and of the role of education in society were also planned throughout the year.

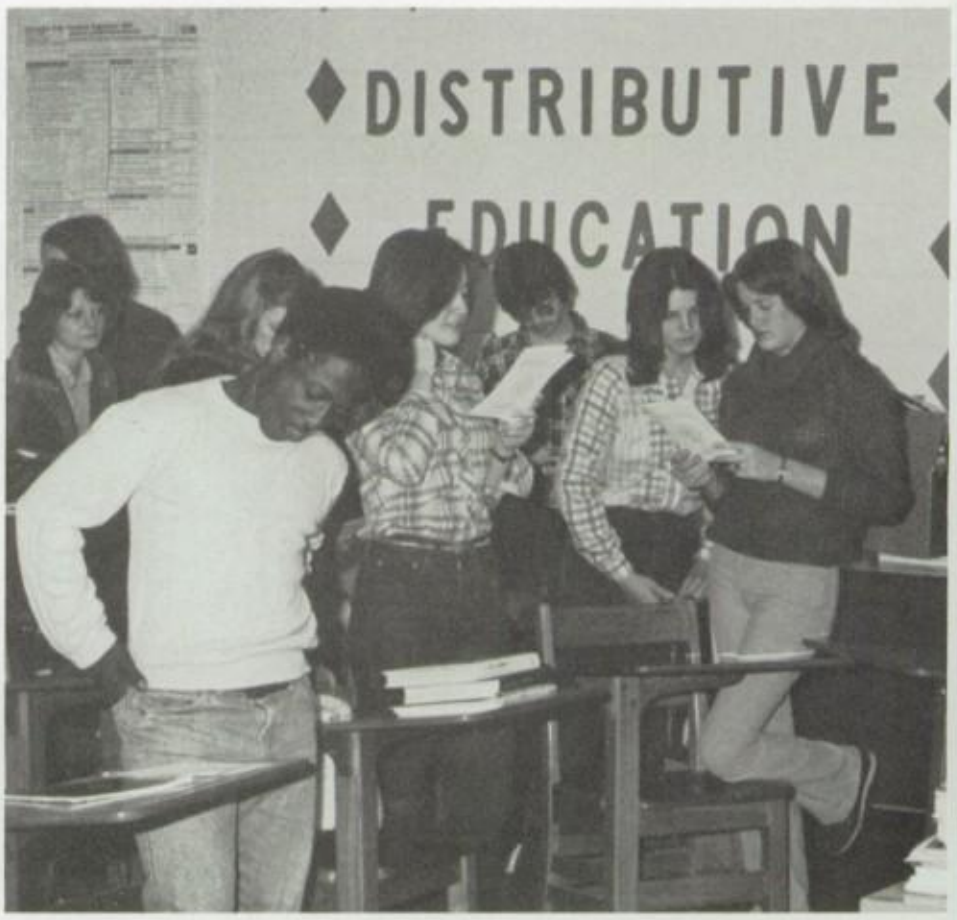
At Christmastime, members of FTA provided entertainment for disabled children during their Christmas Story Hour at Charlotte's Rehabilitation Hospital. They also choreographed and performed a Christmas program at the Metro Center. FTA had a successful year which provided many opportunities for students to participate as members of their school and community, and for making their education increasingly meaningful.

TOP: Along with Santa, FTA members entertain disabled children at Charlotte's Rehabilitation Hospital. ABOVE: During a meeting of FTA, club members look over materials for new projects.

DECA Develops Leadership

South Mecklenburg's chapter of the Distributive Education Clubs of America strove to develop skills necessary for future leadership in the field of business and marketing. Members of the club were involved in social, civic, and leadership activities in addition to their participation in district, state, and national competitive events.

Led by Co-presidents Sandy Moore and Sherri Ross, and advised by Mrs. Teal, Ms. Acree, and Mr. Schultz, DECA had a busy year of activities. Included were a picnic early in the year, a dinner at the Open Kitchen, DECA dynamics conventions, and a successful fund-raising project of selling pens. To conclude a prosperous year, DECA club members participated in the annual Southern Leadership Conference.



ABOVE: Annette Topp, Lisa Smiley, Pam Pompey, Sandy Moore, Sherri Ross, and Sallie Crabtree pose with their trophies from DECA's District Leadership Conference Competition. ABOVE RIGHT: DECA members recite the DECA creed at a club meeting. BELOW RIGHT: Sandy Moore and Sherri Ross, Co-presidents of the DECA Club, preside at a DECA meeting.

FBLA Activities Prove Successful

The 1978-79 Future Business Leaders of America strove to develop vocational and office skills and to promote civil and personal responsibility. Led by President Julie Yates and Advisors Mrs. Miriam Page, Ms. Johnsie Williams, and Mrs. Hester Cole, members were involved in many projects throughout the year.

To begin the year in September, members attended a district meeting of the FBLA in South Stanley County. In October, the club had a cake sale to raise money for sending delegates to a Regional Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida. FBLA celebrated the Christmas season by going caroling and having a Christmas party. In February, members went to a district contest in Albemarle County, and had four district winners. A State Leadership Conference was attended by the FBLA in April to conclude a successful year.

ABOVE: President Julie Yates presides over a meeting of FBLA. ABOVE LEFT: Advisors Ms. Lynn and Mrs. Cole listen and watch as an FBLA meeting progresses smoothly. BELOW LEFT: Carrie Lindsay and Cathy Rucker absorb ideas mentioned by the speaker at an FBLA meeting.

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Beta Club

Carol Barton
Angela Beckedorf
Adam Bernstein
Shep Berryhill
Lisa Bishop
Patti Bostedo
Elizabeth Camilli
Anne Clark
Katy Crowe
Carol Dashner (Tres.)
Carolyn Davis
Tamara Davis
Lorrie Edwards
Rhonda Garner
Celeste Griffin
Rachelle Gunter
Sarah Jahns
Jane Jarrett
Amy Jenkinson
Chris Lockwood (V.P.)
Lisa Jordan
Mark Katibah
Leslie Lancaster
Michael Lapomarda
Sam Levin
Alison Loftus
LaGena Lookabill
Chris MacLaughlin
Georganna McDonald
Becky McElhaney
Kelly McLaughlin
Renee Mercer
Susan Moore
Andy Mottesheard
Ann Neckerman
Mary Margaret Neilson
Ellen Peeler(Sec.)
Margarita Plaza
Marjorie Poe
Julie Quick
Katherine Rives
Patricia Rochester
Heidi Rosenfeld
Karen Roy
Michelle Schultze
Shelly Shivar
John Stipp
Amy Turner
Kathy Vohs
Brian Watterson
Kelly Wells
Phyllis Williams
Jill Williamson
Michael Wood (Pres.)
Judy Yates

Book Club

Shep Berryhill (V.P.)
Leslie Cowan
John Edwards
Ester Kim (Pres.)
Susan Marossy
Eric Schell
Kim Simpson (Sec.)

Bus Drivers

Danielle Alion
Jeter Allred
Isaac Barber
Tammy Bowen
Kevin Boyce
Pat Brown
Mike Bryant
Dexter Camp
Kenneth Camp
Jeff Cathy
Steve Cliette
Greg Deas
Edgar Dellinger
Wayne Earl
Tim Ellison
Tom Ferriot
Wayne Gaston
Eugene Gilbert
Mark Gilliand
Alex Gray
Regina Hall
Earl Hester
Michael Hunter
Stan Ingram
Sheila Johnson
Darryl Kinard
James King
Greg Lewis
Ladd May
Robert Mazzucco
Johnny McCray
Cynthia McKnight
Rodney McMurray
Lafayette Mitchell
Bernard Neal
Eddie Quinn
Reginald Ray
Philip Salisbury
Tony Sellars
Baker Smith
Cornelia Stoffler
Laura Thomas
Lyn Watkins
Jerry Watson
Carl Watts
Bobby White
Kathey Whitesides
Franklin Wolfe
Kevin Wylie
Cherrie Yeargin

Chorale

Vera Adams
Claudia Allen
Michelle Asrael
Susan Austin
Tracy Brigel
Susan Burleson
Maureen Casey
Zandra Clyburn
Leslie Cowan
Sheila Crew
Laura Dodson
Carolyn Gentry
Helen Griffin
Lisa Heck
Carroll Hightower
Veronica Holmes
Donna Holton
Cyndi Jones
Carmel Kerley
Lori Kolbe
Nina Kotila
Laurie Langstaff
Patricia Leeds
Elise Little
Cindy Lockhart
Carla Lybrand
Jane Mahaffey
Betty McCarthy
Leigh McDonald
Kim Melton
Anne Miano
Lisa Miralia
Mary Morgan
Amy Morrison
Beth Odom
Delia Patterson
Laura Roche
Heidi Rosenfeld
Mary Anne Russik
Michelle Schultze
Kim Small
Mary Thigpen
Marci Weiner
Mary Kay Wilkins
Kathy Williams
Terry Williams
Julie Yates

Concert Choir

Angie Barton
Kim Beal
Shep Berryhill
Jill Bertolami
Lisa Bishop
Sharon Bittner
James Bolden
Jack Borders
Lee Brittain
Lynn Brittain
Eric Brown
Jeep Bryant
Bill Congdon
Dewayne Creswell
Patti Davis
Tony Douglas
Beth Flocco
Alan Gillespie
Celeste Griffin
Chris Hartley
Greg Haymore
Harvey Helms
Dale Holland
Anne Howell
Gwen Ingram
Shirley Jones
Jean Koch
Nina Kotila
Karen Lawton
LaGena Lookabill
Suzanne Lownsbury
Ladd May
Elizabeth McClenaghan
Brant McKinney
John Miano
James Miller
Betty Mobley
Susan Moore
Amy Morrison
Michael Nail
Pam Rackley
Glenn Rea
Evelyn Russik
Tony Stevenson
John Stover
Amy Turner
Chip Venable
Dawn Warlick
Erin Wells
Kelly Wells
Patti White
Bradley Williams
Kim Wylie

Concert Orchestra and
Concert Band were comprised
of Marching Band members

DECA

Suanna Aaron
Robin Abernathy
Wanda Abraham
John Adams
Vera Adams
Patti Alaksa
Danielle Alion
Robin Allen
Dayton Altman
Sharon Balas
Sylvia Ballard
Brenda Baxter
David Berry
Donny Berry
Lisa Biggers
Nancy Boland
Diana Boyd
Darnell Brannon
Jill Brewer
Joanie Brewer
Nancy Brewster
Kathie Brooks
Jeff Brown
Zelda Brown
Fred Burke
Tanquil Burke
Charlene Camp
Dexter Camp
Vanita Casey
Terri Chapman
David Christy
Cindy Cline
Kathy Coppock
Sallie Crabtree
Meg Craven
Jodi Day
Carolyn Davis
Ellen Davis
Jan Deese
Juanazia DeWalt
Cindy Dorn
Bernadette Forte
Greg Gannon
Angel Gilliard
Lloyd Gordan(V.P.)
Sue Halleen
Loretta Hammond
Charlie Harte
Trip Haynes
Robin Hinant
Leigh Holcombe
Liz Homeyer
Deborah Hopkins
Pat Horton
Laura House
Doris Houston
Al Hubbard
Cassandra Hunter
Damita Hunter
Barbara Jant
Levaron Jenkins
Sharon Johnson
Cyndi Jones
Effie Karapanoes
Leigh King
Kelly Landers
Lori Lane
Billy Lawings
Todd Leonard
Gary Linn
Michael Linn
Christy Lohr
Gene Lookabill
Scotty McGee
Vanita McNeil
Jane Mahaffey
Cassandra Mayfield
Michael Means
Chris Miller
Vanessa Miller
Lafayette Mitchell
Regina Mobley
Denise Moore
Linda Moore
Sandy Moore
Anita Newlin
Mary Oberkircher
Beth Odom
Delia Patterson
Denise Patterson
Bill Perkins
Pam Pompey
Caroline Proctor
Pandora Reed
Roslyn Reeves
Delores Reid
Gail Ritchie
Pam Robinson
Susan Robinson
Sherri Ross
Brenda Sidberry
Stephanie Sims
Lisa Smiley
Michael Smith
Jim Snipes
Calvin Steele
Teresa Stirewalt
Pecola Sturdivant
Annette Topp
Birdie Tucker
Catherine Williams
Terri Witherspoon
Robert Wood
Caroline Yingling
Charles Young

Drama Club

Lori Addante
Michelle Asrael
Jeep Bryant
Susan Burleson
Kay Chandler
Sandy Clontz
Becky Craig
Jodi Day
Monica DeMarco
Mary D'umm
Lisa Fisher
Carroll Hightower
Dale Holland
DeeDee Holmes
Donna Holtom
Tammy Huey
Kim King
Jean Koch (Sec.-Tres.)
Lucy Lamb
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Currie Leggoe
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Sharon Mitchell
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Kim Narmouz
Mary Oberkircher
Betsy Parker
Susy Parker
Laura Peterson
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Jodi Sieburn
Tony Stevenson
John Stover
Judy Szutz
Lisa Taylor
Kathy Vohs

Executive Committee

Suzanne Isenhour (Sec.)
El Chino Martin (Pres.)
Cathy Moore
Baker Smith (Tres.)
David Snepp
Kiki Tingas
Amy Turner (V.P.)
Bradley Williams
Tim Walker

FBLA

Sandra Bennett
Teresa Bevis
Bernetta Bidgood
Suzanne Birle
Sharon Bittner
Patty Bradford
Lori Brown
Cathy Carothers
Julie Chui
Laura Correll
Tyna Crockett
Kathy Cullen
Tamara Davis
Cheryl Edwards
Lori Edwards
Robin Fortner
Jan Hobbs
Cassandra Hunter
Lisa Jordan
Julie Casper
Maureen Langan
Sheila Lewis
Patricia Lilly
Carrie Lindsay
Cindy Lockhart
Julie Moeller
Lisa Porter
Julie Quick
Patti Rochester
Cathy Rucker
Kathy Rutan
Derrick Sturdivant
Tim Waples
Tammie Wiegand
Julie Yates

FFA

Juanita Barbee
Jackie Barwick
Beth Meyers
Leslie Palmer
Glenn Saperstein
Elise Sugar
Marla Summerlin
Andy Washburn

Flag Corps

Terri Armour
Leslie Bingaman
Carolyn Davis
Rita Edwards
Annie Garnett
Celeste Griffin
Rachelle Gunter
Carroll Hightower
Karen Ireland
Regina James
Leslie Lancaster
Mary Beth Langford
Martha McCraw
Lorraine Perkins
Marjorie Poe
Cathy Powers
Gail Ritchie
Michelle Schultze
Paula Sikes
Donna Sink
Kim Small

French Club

Paula Dumford
Sandra Ingemanson
Denise Kilpatrick
Ester Kim
Lori LaPenna
Marti Maxwell
Betty McCarthy
Leigh McDonald
Jill Rochester
Allyson Sawyer
Lisa Taylor

FTA

Eric Brown
Michelle Bryant
George Colbert
Pam Davis
Brenda Dixon
Johnny Edwards
Annie Garnett
Lori Irvin
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Gwana Richardson
Don Rives
Sylvester Sarratt
Donna Smith
Mary Lynn Somers
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Beth Wilber (Tres.)
Phyllis Williams(Sec.)
Pamela Young (Pres.)

ICC

Amy Turner (Pres.)

all club presidents

Interact

Alvarez Abernathy
Clay Allen
Allen Anderson
Bryan Baker
Ed Boyd
David Crabb
Andy Dickinson
David Fairleigh
Jeff Fandel
Johnny Gamble
Matt Grubmeyer
Calvin Harrleson
Chris Hartley
Jerey Hawk
Wayne Hearn
Bill Higgins
Tim Hopkins
Mike Hurlbert
Rick Johnson
Tom Johnson
Mark Katibah
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Pete Lambert
Sam Levin
Gene Lookabill
David Louder
Mal MacLean
Doug Mahaffey
Sammy Martin
Steve Maye
Tom McVaney
Tom Nall
Bill Perkins
John Pharr
Scott Price
Kyle Scroggins
Rick Summers
Mark Teat
Kevin Toth
Andy Tripp
Blake Tripp
Tim Templeton
Juan Velasquez
Chip Venable
Bill Voight
Brian Watterson
Kevin White

Interkeys

Connie Bones
Chrys Crawford
Catherine Crowley
Gail Ellis
Lisa Freytag
Sheri Garnett
Daphne Gibson
Karen Harte
Liz Homeyer
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J.V. Cheerleaders

Sandra Aycock
Ann Badel
Leslie Hunter
Renee Maxwell
Teresa McCullough
Kim Simpson
Tracy Stevenson
Lisa Wilber

Lettergirls

Beth Cantrell
Anne Clark
Chrys Crawford
Katy Crowe (Co-head)
Lisa Freytag
DebrahHopkins
Amy Jenkinson (Sec.-Tres.)
Shirley Jones
Cindy McKnight
Malinda Moffitt
Beth Wilber (Co-head)
Donna York

Marching Band

Frank Alexander
Richard Allsbrook
Pamela Baker
Elizabeth Bame
Carol Barton
Jackie Barwick
Irene Bass
Michael Beal
David Bell
John Bell
Stephanie Bell
Joseph Bently
Martin Bolick
David Brown
Duane Brown
Eric Brown
Kim Brown
Sharon Brown
Michelle Bryant
Roger Burgess
Cathy Carothers
Diane Clark
Stephen Clark
Jennifer Cody
Bill Congdon
Philip Courvoisiu
Nathan Cousar
Shirley Cress
Bradley Cresswell
Gregory Cresswell
Tyna Crockett
William Deen
Michael Dunn
Tim Ellison
Bill Evans
Shelly Forward
Andrew Foster
Rhonda Garner
David Goebell
Michael Goode
Alexander Gray
James Gregory
Gary Guthrie
Candace Hall
Karen Hall
Shari Harding
Jerey Hawk
Ken Hawk
John Head
Carl Hefner
Earl Hester
John Higdon
Bryan Hill
Mark Hillman
David Hite
Jan Hobbs
Dorothea Holmes
Preston Honeycutt
Judy Howell
Pam Hunting
Stanley Ingram
Cindy James
Doug James
Terry Jeter
Antonio Jordan
Paul Kelly
Dawayne King
Greg Kuckes
Robert Larr
Larry Lane
Michael Lapomarda
Bill Lewis
Patricia Lisk
Wesley Mangum
John Mason
Twinata Massey
Joseph Mauldin
Randy McCoy
Danny McDaniel
Denise McGee
Mike McMacken
Kenneth McNeely
Kim Melton
John Miano
Emily Miller
Lee Miller
Veronica Montgomery
Bill Montgomery
Sherri Moore
Phil Murphy
Kim Myers
Michael Nail
Kim Narmour
Stuart Owens
Gaye Oxendine
Elizabeth Pariolari
Allyson Perkins
Joe Phifer
Faith Potts
Roger Privette
Caroline Proctor
Patty Rochester
Christe Rushing
Stephan Schultze
Jane Seibert
Paul Self
Michael Sheltra
Mark Stamper
Gary Stephens
Michael Taylor
Teresa Taylor
Linay Thomas
Michael Utz
Doug Voght
Kathy Vohs
Beth Walsh
Tim Waples
Tim Ward
Harry Weaver
Erin Wells
Sharon White
Kathy Whiteside
Jan Wiegand
Roxanne Wilson
Mark Wilson
Kevin Wyatt
William Yokely

National Honor Society

Matthew Ahrendt
Susan Alden
Claudia Allen
Patrice Ashford
Karen Balas
Amy Barnette
Carol Barton
Kim Beal
Angela Beckedorf
Diane Bellini
Adam Bernstein
Joseph Berryhill
Cecelia Bishop
Lawrence Bittner
Patti Bostedo
Paige Chandler
Constance Chestnutt
Julie Chiu
Diane Clark
Tyna Crockett
Katy Crowe
James Curlin
Carol Dashner

Tamara Davis
John Dozier
Holger Ebert
Terri Edwards
Andrew Flint
Robin Fortner
Celeste Griffin
Leslie Haberstadt
Harvey Helms
David Hite
Karen Ireland
Amy Jenkinson
Lisa Jordan
Ester Kim
Theodore Koinis
David Kouri (Pres.)
Dianne Layton
Currie Leggoe
Alison Loftus
LaGena Lookabill
Kathy Mardirosian
Marcy McClanahan
Elizabeth McClenaghan
Martha McCraw
Becky McElhaney
Bob McIntosh
Michael McLaughlin
Renee Mercer
Bobby Mitcheltree
Julia Moeller
Ann Neckerman
Mary Margaret Neilson
Ellen Peeler(Tres.)
Laura Peterson
Marjorie Poe (V.P.)
Katherine Rives
John Stipp
Kiki Tingas
Kathy Vohs
Eric Ward
Keith Warner
Kelly Wells (Sec.)
Patti White
Katherine Wiebler
Beth Wilber
Kathryn Williams
Phyllis Williams
Jill Williamson
Michael Wood

NJROTC

all those who took NJROTC
as a class participated in
one or more of the many units

Pep Band

Frank Alexander
Pam Baker
Leigh Bame
Mike Beal
David Bell
Joe Bentley
David Brown
Duane Brown
Diane Clark
Jennifer Cody
Tyna Crockett
Mike Dunn
Tim Ellison
Rhonda Garner
Gary Guthrie
Mark Hillman
David Hite
Preston Honeycutt
Terry Jeter
Paul Kelly
Darryl King
Larry Lane
Bill Lewis
John Mason
Greg McCleave
Danny McDaniel
John Miano
Kim Myers
Beth Parolari
Roger Privette
Christe Rushing
Mike Sheltra
Beth Walsh
Tommy Ward
Tom Yokely

Pep Club

Mary Austin
Juanita Barbee
Kim Beaver
Tina Beckedorf
LuAnne Bell
Angela Bridges
Tracy Brigel
Lori Brown (V.P.)
Michelle Bryant
Marcia Butterfield
Elizabeth Camilli (Sec.)
Sheri Cordell
Laura Correll (Pres.)
Carleen Crann (Tres.)
Becky Criss
Carolyn Davis
Debbie Gans
Jan Hobbs
Judy Howell
Pam Hunting
Susan Katibah
Tammie King
Lucy Lamb
Maureen Langan
Jane Mahaffey
Danny McDaniel
Holly Neckerman
Jenny Owens
Lorraine Perkins
Debbie Peterson
Caroline Proctor
Patty Ross
Kim Stegall
Teresa Stroupe
Judy S'zuts
Dawn York

Project Aries

Jami Alion
Allen Anderson
Andrew Berns
Dwayne Drown
Tammy Caulder
Paige Chandler
James Exum
Beth Giles
Beth Hening
Billy Manning
Renee Maxwell
Anne Miano
Verna Montgomery
Robin Oxer
Pam Phiffer
Chris Smith
Blake Tripp

Red Cross

Tracy Brigel
Becky Craig
Dewayne Cresswell
Angela Delaney
Angela Douglas
Eric Ford
Charles Greene
Don Hoover
Reginald Hunter
Betty Jackson
Magid Kaldas
Sam Kleitches
Jim Knight
Mike Lapomarda
Melanie Littleton (V.P.)
Susan Marossy
Darlene McNeil
Ki Melton (Pres.)
John Miano
Karen Scott
Anita Stowe
Gina Thompson
Lucinda Woodard
Ethel Worthy

Rifle Line

Claudia Allen
Patrice Ashford
Terri Coyne
Leigh Holcombe
Laura House
Molly Johnston (Capt.)
Kim Pendly
Penny Rhodes
Francis Rushing (Co-capt.)
Lydia Stevenson
Sharon White

Sabre's Blade

Adam Bernstein
Andrew Bernstein
Celeste Griffin
Lori Irvin
Karen Johnson
Mark Katibah
Georganna McDonald
Ralph McKnight
Dee Moricle
Andy Mottesheard
Suzy Parker
Kenneth Siman
David Snepp
Bill Voight
Brian Watterson
Michelle Schultze

Somecka

Kim Beaver
Joseph Berryhill
Lisa Bishop
Becky Craig
Brenda Dixon
Lisa Fisher
Peri Herr
Robin Hinnant
Anna Hoey
Carolyn Homeyer
Liz Homeyer
Leslie Lancaster
Kristy Land
Shila Langford
Mike Lapomarda
Patricia Lilly
Karen Lynch
Bob McIntosh
Andrea Morrison
Mary Oberkircher
Ellen Peeler
Cherie Perreault
Margarita Plaza
Marjorie Poe
John Stipp (Ed.)
Connie Stoffler
Kelli Whicker
Kathy Williams

SOS

Angela Beckedorf
Diane Bellini
Jill Bertolami
Cecelia Bishop
Mary Ann Brigel
Roxanne Chandler
Anne Clark
Carolyn Davis
Brenda Dixon (V.P.)
Mary D'Umm
Celeste Griffin
Sandra Ingemanson
Suzanne Isenhour
Kim Laughlin
Kathy Mardirosian
Ann Miano
Cathy Moore
Holli Moore
Mary Margaret Neilson
Teri Noland
Betsy Parker (His.)
Susan Patton
Ellen Peeler
Pam Phifer
Marjorie Poe (Tres.)
Ramona Reed
Laura Roche
Shelly Shivar
Kim Small
Mary Lynn Somers
Melissa Stampley
Tracy Stevenson
Dawn Warlick (Pres.)
Kelly Wells
Beth Wilber
Lisa Wilber
Catherine Williams
Pam Williams
Phyllis Williams
Joanna Woods (Sec.)
Pam Young

Spanish Club

David Bell
Lee Brittain
Tammy Caulder
Paige Chandler
Rick Cline
Laura Correll
Cindy Council
Mike Decker
Christie Foltz
Sandra Ingemanson
Chris Karres
Cathy Klutts
Carmel Kurley
Scott Lewis
Susan Marossy
Bob McIntosh
Emily Miller
Verna Montgomery
Kim Myers
Mike Olson
Robin Oxer
Terri Reeves
Karen Roy
Byron Scott
John Stover
Kiki Tingas
Jeff Walker
Keith Warner
Jan Weigand

Student Council

Mary Ann Brigel (Jr.-Pres.)
Susie DeLuca (Soph.-Sec.)
Jame Exum (Soph.-Pres.)
Lori Ferguson (Jr.-Sec./Tres.)
Shari Garnett (Sr..-G.M.)
Ester Kim (Jr.-V.P.)
Alison Loftus (Sr.-V.P.)
Renee Maxwell (Soph.-G.M.)
Kenneth McNeely (Jr.-G.M.)
Anne Miano (Soph.-Tres.)
Donny Rabb (Sr.-G.M.)
Lisa Wilber (Soph.-V.P.)
Joanna Woods (Sr.-Tres.)
Judy Yates (Sr.-Pres.)
Donna York (Jr.-G.M.)
Robin Walters (Soph.-G.M.)

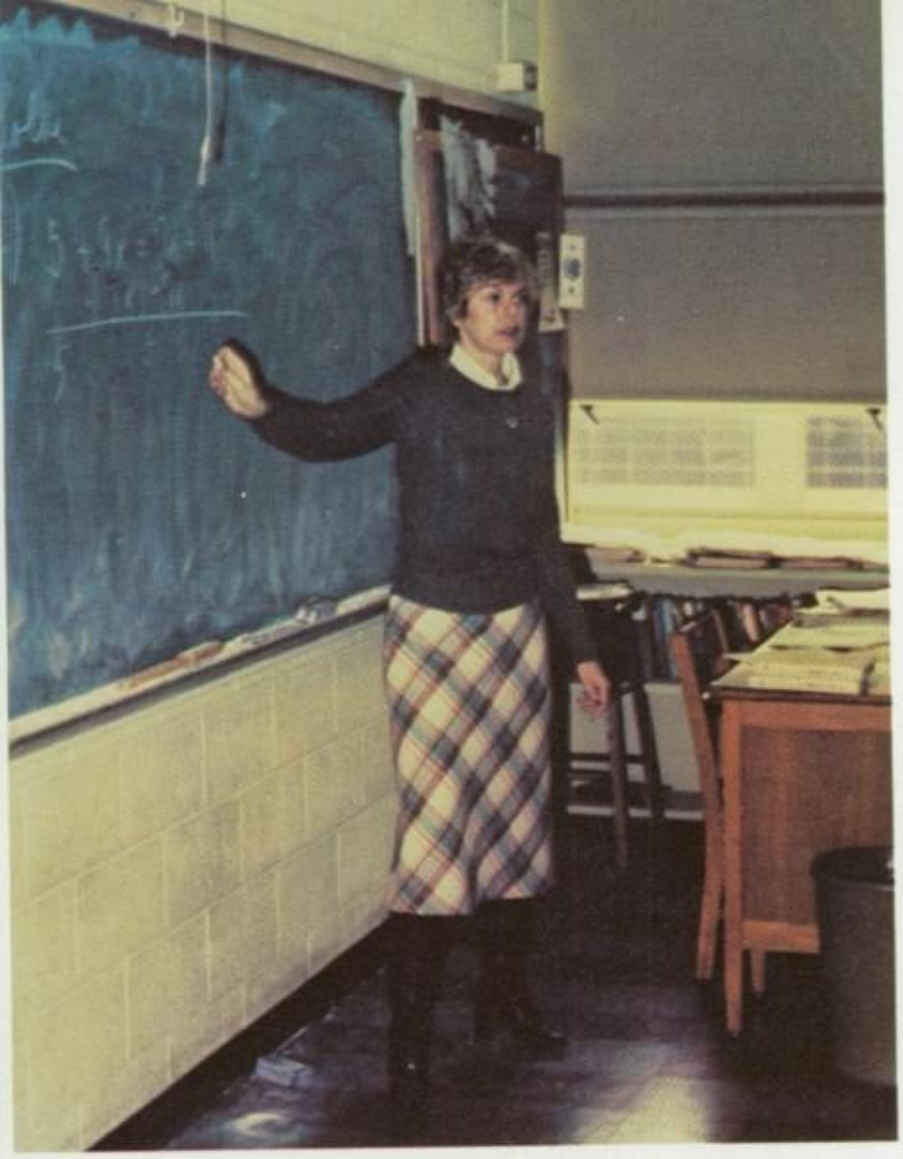
Executive Committee members
were also members of the
Student Council

Twirlers

Karen Durell
Kim Kiser

Varsity Cheerleaders

Carrie Bither
Cecelia Bishop
Connie Bones
Katherine Crowley
Vivian Davidson
Sandra Ingemanson
Robin McKnight
Mary Margaret Neilson
Toni Powell
Gwana Richardson
Kelly Shamp
Catherine Williams
Pam Young



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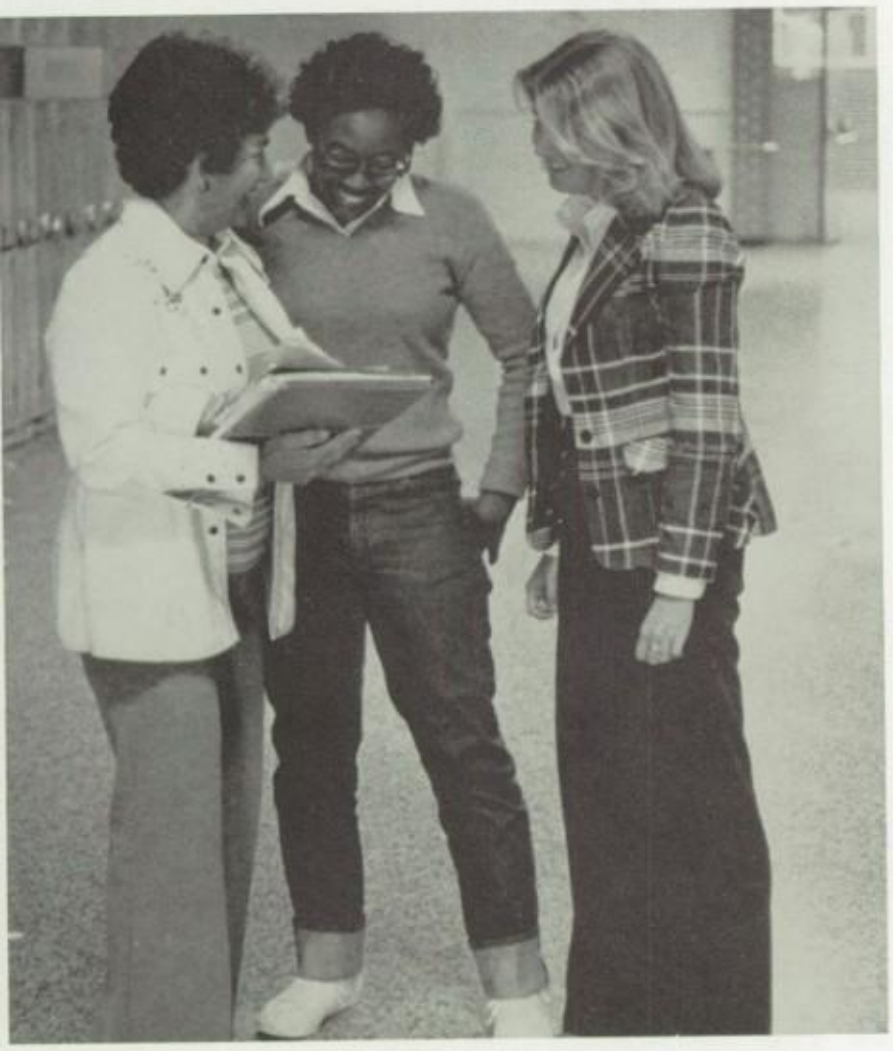
The Academic Program allows students to find basic information which is necessary for their intellectual development



Whereas previous sections show important supplementary factors to one's total educational development, the Academics section depicts the fundamental elements which students find as basic to their learning at this school. These elements include the student body and the teachers who are dedicated to their intellectual growth. Also included is the adminstration staff, whose persistent effort provides a workable academic program.

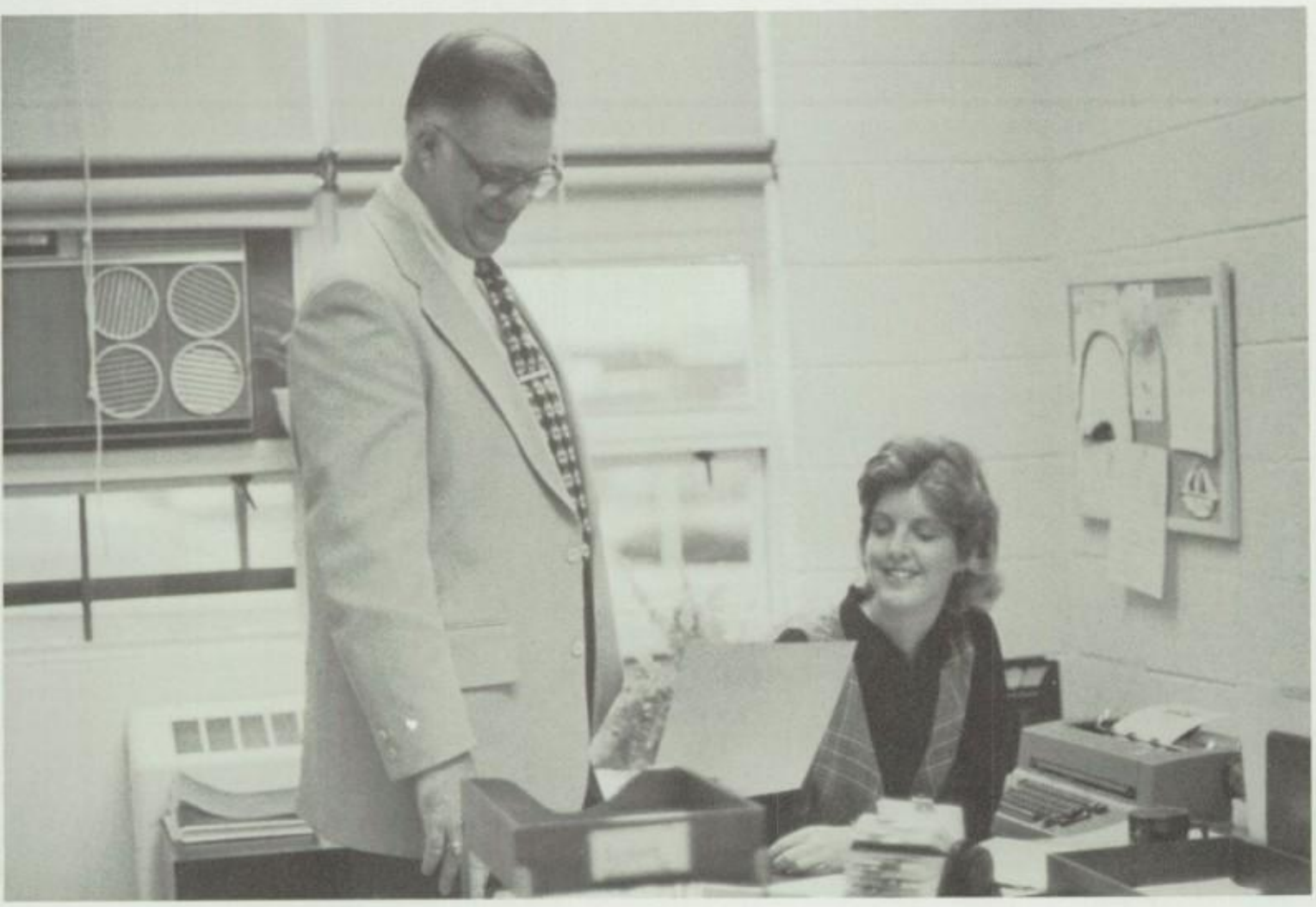
ACADEMICS

Mr. Richardson Works To Benefit The Students

In an earnest attempt to comply with the request of Dr. Jay Robinson, Superintendent of Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System, Mr. Richardson strove to reduce absenteeism at South Mecklenburg. Utilizing his superior leadership ability, Mr. Richardson made the students realize the importance of regular attendance at school.

Mr. Richardson exhibited his administrative capabilities by working with several other teachers in preparing a re-evaluation report of South for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. This time-consuming task proved the devotion of Mr. Richardson as principal of South Mecklenburg.

LEFT: Mr. Richardson's attending of basketball games shows his concern for all aspects of life at South. BELOW: Mr. Richardson checks the work of his secretary, Ms. Gattis.



Administrators Strive For Perfection

The administration staff serviced the needs of the students, teachers, and parents. Phyllis Younts remained busy with schedule changes. At the same time Mr. Brown and Mr. Beasley reviewed the bus routes. They wanted to be sure all students got to and from school safely. Mr. Little handled all discipline problems that arose. With the teamwork of the administrative staff, all activities ran smoothly at South this year.

ABOVE RIGHT: Much of Mr. Beasley's work is devoted to talking with parents on the telephone and creating a pleasant attitude between the parents and the school. RIGHT: Mr. Little searches through the files, determined to find whom he is looking for. BELOW: Ms. Younts takes time from her work to answer a question.

Mr. Robert Beasley
Assistant Principal

Mr. Willie Little
Assistant Principal

Ms. Phyllis Younts
Assistant to the Principal

Secretaries Aid Both Students And Faculty

The secretaries at South Mecklenburg were a vital asset to the staff. Their many jobs included signing students in and out of school, keeping records for the school and for students, taking telephone messages, and answering the many questions presented by the students and faculty.

Mrs. Kathryn Bower
Main Office Secretary

Mrs. June Brantley
Main Office Secretary

BELOW: Sitting: Mrs. Bower. Standing: Mrs. Brantley, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Eubanks, and Mrs. Weaver.

Mrs. Pearl Eubanks
Guidance Secretary

Ms. Sharon Gattis
Principal's Secretary

Mrs. Jane Gibson
Bookkeeper

Mrs. Pat Weaver
Secretary

Counselors Strive To Handle More Problems

One hectic duty the counselors involved themselves with this year was the changing of schedules. Schedule changes seemed to be a full-time headache for the counselors. The guidance counselors felt that their job should primarily involve helping the students with school problems and college preparation. They also acted as a source of information for the students.

ABOVE RIGHT: Mrs. Knight prepares for a hard day's work. BELOW RIGHT: Mr. Turner helps a student by answering many questions.

Ms. Audrey N. Britton
Wake Forest University

Mr. Doug Cochrane
UNC-CH, UNCC, USC, Wake Forest

Mrs. Dorothy Floyd
SHAW Univ., N. C. A & T Univ., Atlanta Univ.

Mrs. Dorothy H. Knight
Wake Forest Univ., UNC-CH

Mrs. Reve' S. Perreault
Mississippi College, B.A.

Mr. Bill Turner
Clafin Univ., B.S.; Niagara Univ., M.S.; UNCC, M.S.

The Librarians Provide Useful Services For Students And Faculty

Aided by the gift of reference books on the arts from the Class of 1977, the library was able to serve the students even better this year. The independent learning center, located in the middle of the library, provided an easy and interesting way for students to learn about various subjects. Many topics of the center were not academically related, but were designed to help students cope with high school life. The librarians published bibliographies on books in order to keep students aware of reading material available in the library. A weekly coffee was planned for teachers to inform them of new books in the media center.

ABOVE LEFT: Mrs. Nahory shows a student how to use the card catalogue. LEFT: Mrs. Long displays her attire for Wild, Wild West Day. BELOW: Miss Hill examines one of the filmstrips available in the library.

Ms. Charlotte J. Hill
Concord College, B.S.

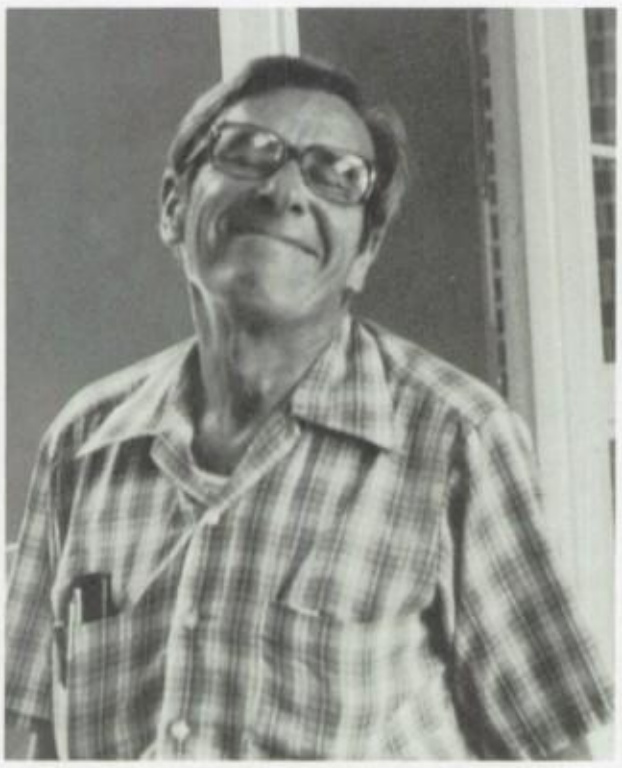
Mrs. Barbara M. Long
USC, B.A.; Univ. of Ga.

Mrs. Dot Nahory
UNC-G, A.B.; UNC-CH, B.S.; Winthrop College, M.Ed

Cafeteria And Custodial Staffs Are Necessary For Successful Operations At South

The custodians at South Mecklenburg worked diligently everyday to keep the school clean for the students and faculty. The eight members spent much of their time after school maintaining the cleanliness of the campus.

Under the management of Margurite Boyd, the cafeteria personnel were able to prepare breakfasts and lunches for the students and faculty. Members of this staff included Margie Bennett, Maggie Bolden, Margurite Boyd (Manager), Carrie Cureton, Emma Dixon, Mary Dunham, Martha Feastes, Charlotte Ann Freeman, Kay Hagler, Phyliss Crouch, Andrenna Holland, Ida James, Eleanor King, Millie Gabriel, Diane Ledbetter, Ella Belle Mason, Mary Massey, Byrdie Poole, Elizabeth Sheets, and Emma Washington.



ABOVE: Mr. Seagle keeps his chin up. RIGHT: Cafeteria workers prepare for the rush hour. BELOW: Front Row: Mr. Jim Seagle, Mr. Claud Wylie, Mrs. Sarah Johnson, Mrs. Bessie Burnette, and Mrs. Billie Howard. Back Row: Mr. Clifton Moore, Mr. William Smith, and Mr. Dozier Davis.

Student Projects Impress The English Teachers

Left: Ms. Acree shows the importance of outlines.
Below: Ms. Allen stresses a point to her History class.

Ms. Sarah Acree
UNCC, B.S.; UNC-G

Ms. Carolyn J. Allen
ECU, B.S.

Ms. Cheryl H. Allen
UNC-CH, B.S.; USFL, M.S.

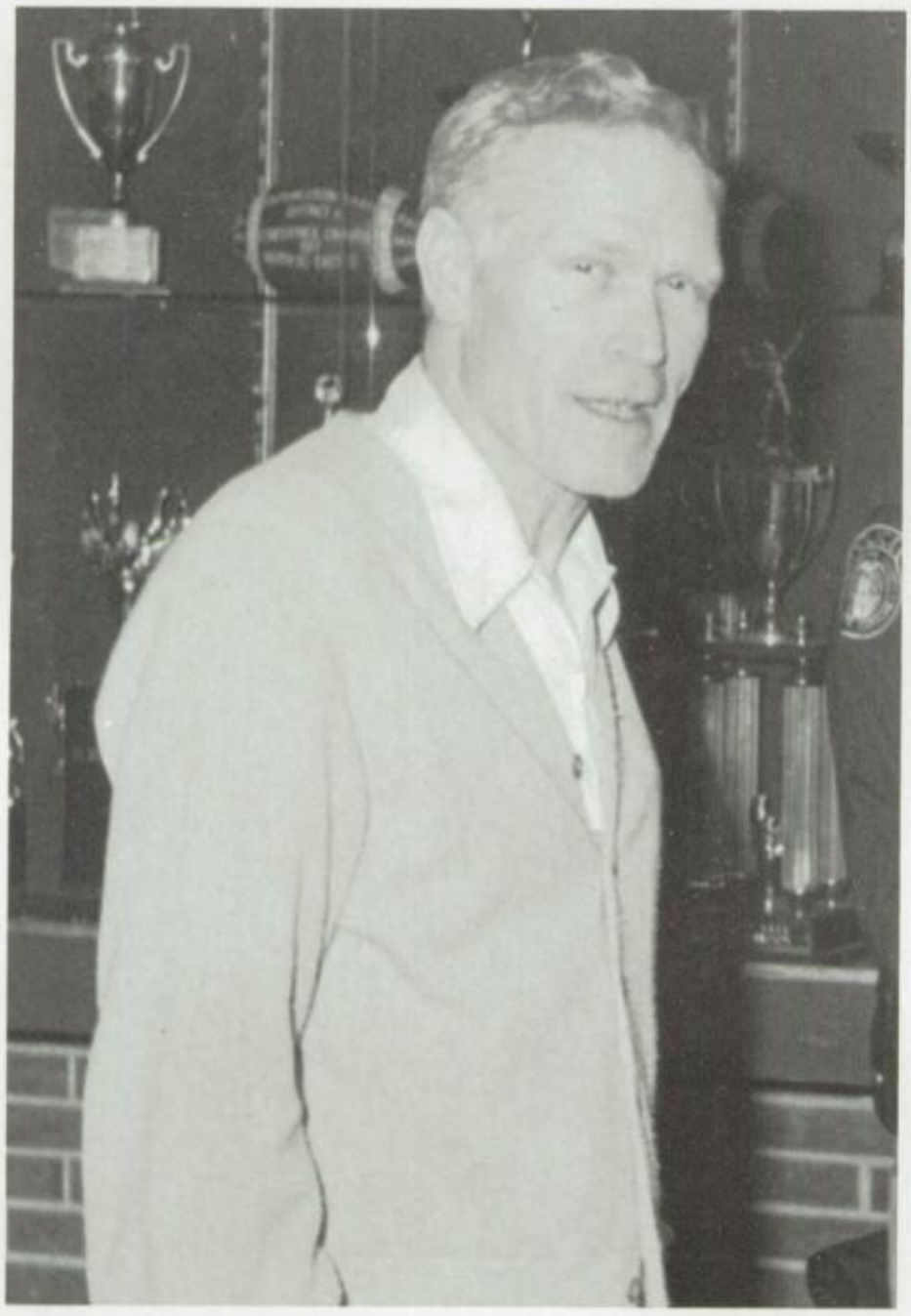
Mr. Dennis R. Baldwin
Pfeiffer College, B.S.; Texas Tech. Univ., M.S.; UNC-CH

Mrs. Estelle L. Barentine
Winthrop College

Mrs. Jane Bartholomew
UNC-G, B.S., Winthrop College, M.S.

Math Teachers Work To Make Year Productive

Mr. Boger takes a break from his duties as athletic director.



Mr. Gerald F. Bartholomew
ASU, B.S.

Mrs. Jerry Berry
Atlantic Christian College, B.A.

Mrs. Florence Berryhill
Va. Commonwealth, B.F.A., East Tenn. State Univ.

Mr. F. Darryl Blanton
Carson-Newman College, B.A.

Mr. Steve Blanton
ASU, B.S.

Mr. Fred Boger, Jr.
ASU, M.A.

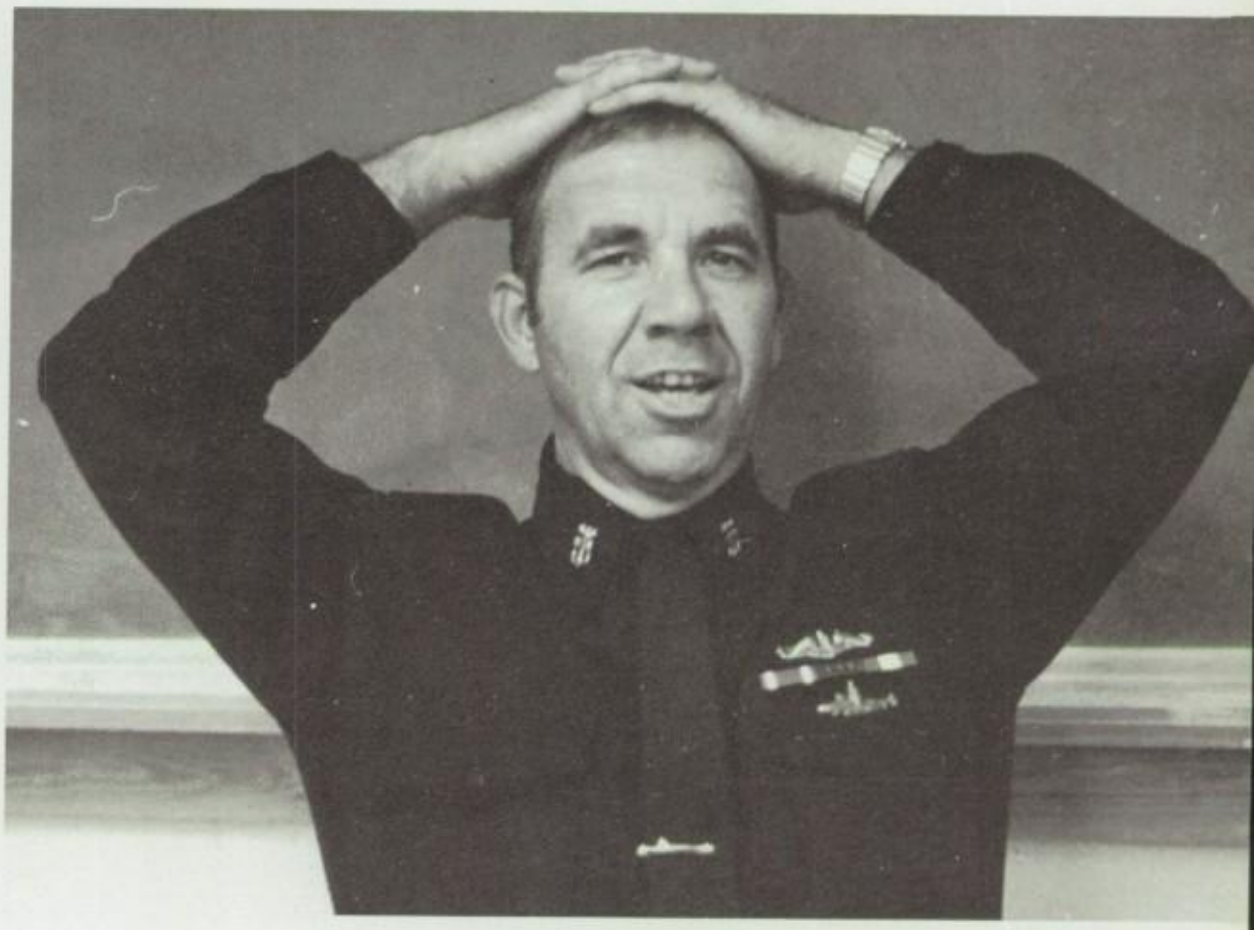
Mrs. Gaye Booth
UNC-G, B.S.

Mr. James Boykin
USC, ASU

Mrs. Eleanor G. Brevard
ASU, B.S.; UNC-CH, M.A.

Mr. Leo Brevard
ASU, B.S.; Duke Univ., M.A.

Master Chief Callahan relaxes before class begins.



Mrs. Geneviene Brown
N.C. Central Univ., B.S. UNCC

Mr. G. Leslie Browne
Lenior Rhyne College, A.B.; UNC-CH, A.B.

Mrs. Emily M. Cannon
Barber-Scotia College, B.A.; UNCC, M. Ed.

Mr. John C. Chambers
N.C. A & T State Univ., B.S., M.S.

Mrs. Hester D. Cole
Winthrop College, B.S.

Mrs. Mary P. Cruse
Flora Macdonald College; UNC-G

Mr. Sherrill D. Curtis
ASU, B.S.

Mr. Calvin C. Davis
Catawba College, UCLA, UNCC

Mr. Herbert Davis
Warren Wilson College, B.A.

Language Department Kindles Spirit With Festive Celebrations

RIGHT: A grin from Mrs. Hoffmann must mean she is proud of latest outfit.

Mrs. Wanna Dayvault
UNC-G

Mr. Ed Derr
N.C. State, B.S.

Mr. R. Scott Douglass
ITUNC-CH, USC

Mr. Carol D. Drum
Lenoir Rhyne College

Miss Kathryn Flattery
Mary Washington College, A.B.; UNCC, M.ED.

Miss Brenda G. Flynt
Salem College, Wake Forest Univ.

Mrs. Marjorie Cole Fowler
ASU

Mr. Jake Garman
ASU

Mr. Steve Garver

Mrs. Laura Gerrald
Winthrop College

Mrs. Marie L. Grier
N.C. Central Univ., Cornell Univ., Penn State Univ.

Mr. Danny Griffin

Ms. Ethel D. Guest
N.C. A & T State Univ., Howard Univ., Boston Univ.

Mr. James R. Hambacher
Ferron Jr. College, A.A.; UNC-CH, A.B.; UNCC, M.Ed.

Ms. Judy Hanes
Marshall Univ., A.B.; UNCC, Brookdale College

Mrs. Martha G. Hechenbleikner
Converse College, B.S.; UNC-CH, M.A.T.

Mrs. Sylvia Helms
Wake Forest Univ., B.A.; UNCC, M.Ed.

ABOVE: Mr. Griffin shows his auto mechanics students the basic parts of an engine. LEFT: After the marriage ceremony performed in her "Personal Issues " class, Ms. Hanes cuts the wedding cake.

Mr. Jack Heniford
CPCC, UNCC

Mr. Ronald Louis Hillier
Western Illinois Univ.

Mrs. Myrna M. Hoffmann
Universidad del Atlantico, Barranquilla, Col., S.A.

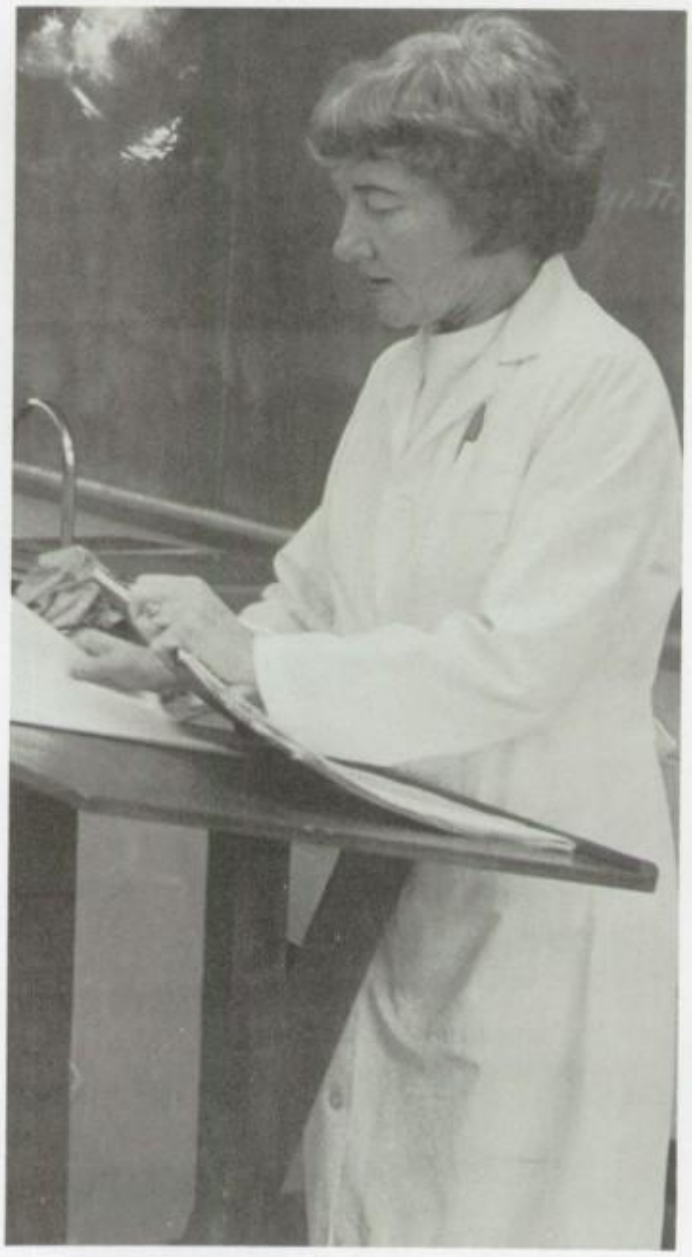
Mrs. Nancy R. Hughes
ASU

Ms. Betty M. Hunter
S.C. State, B.S.; Winthrop College,M.Ed.

Mrs. Doris M. Jackson
Winthrop College, B.A.; Duke Univ., M.A.T.

Mrs. Katherine James
Converse College, B.A.; UNCC, M.A.

ABOVE: Miss Kessler proves that grading is not boring after all. RIGHT: Mrs. McNeely prepares her assignments before the arrival of the students.



Mrs. Elaine Johnston
Michigan State Univ., Indiana State Univ., B.A.

Mrs. Phyllis R. Jones
ASU, B.S.

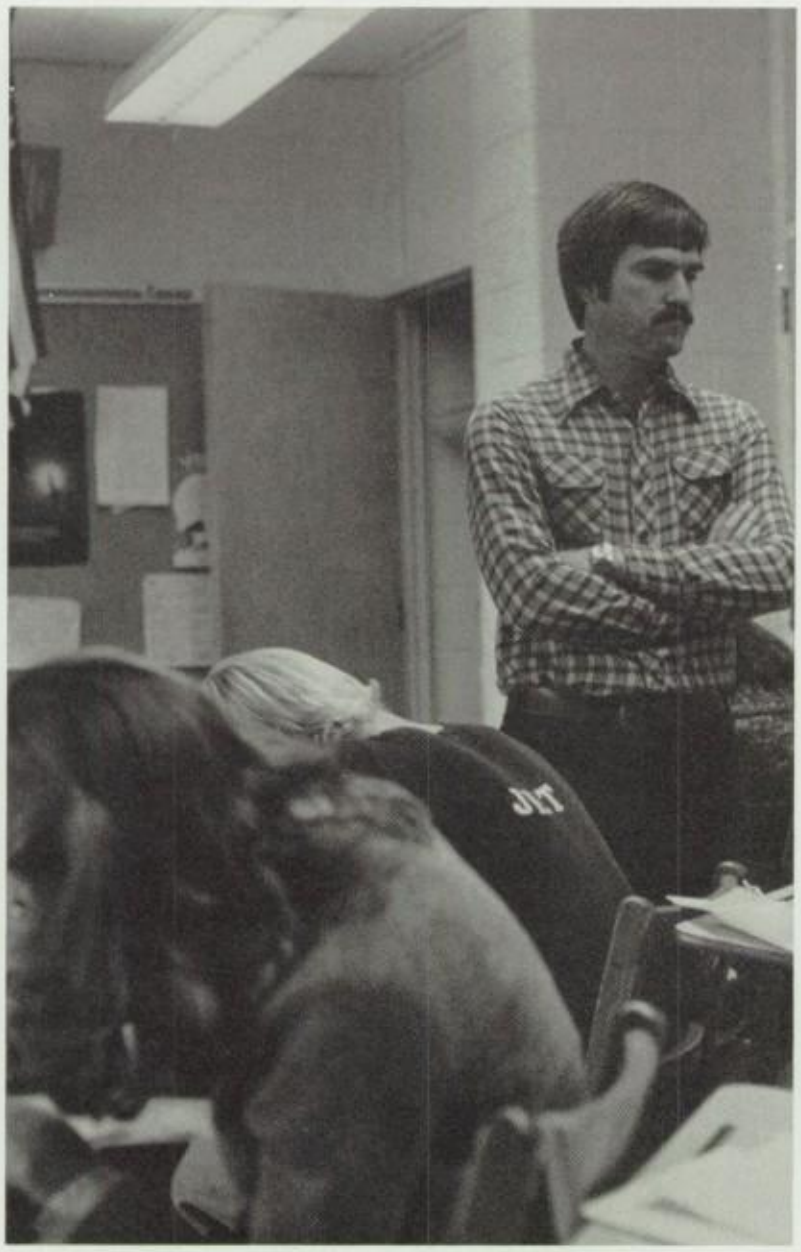
Capt. Robert G. Keller
Villanova Univ., B.S.

Ms. Naomi Kerns

Mr. Graves Kerr
Guilford College, B.A.

Miss Susan Kessler
UNC-G, B.A.; UNC-CH, UNCC, M.A.

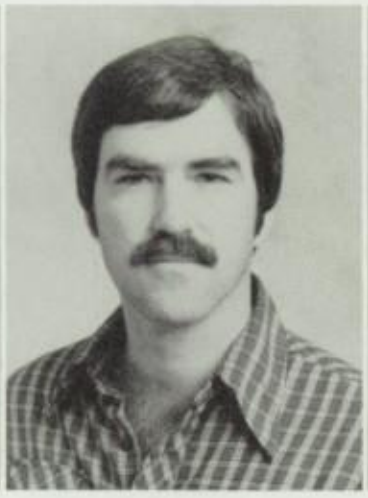
Mr. Laird W. Lewis, Jr.
UNC-CH, B.S.; Naval Postgraduate School, M.S.; UNCC, Duke



Biology Classes Explore The Animal World

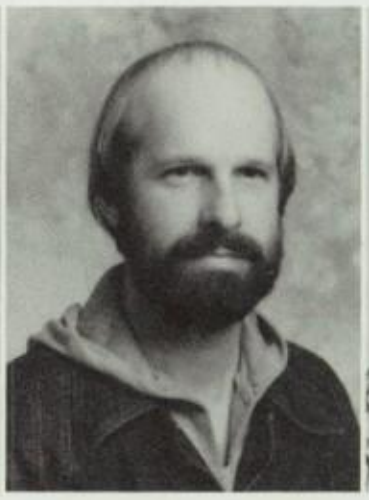
LEFT: Mr. Livingston watches over his students during an English test.

Ms. Marcia Livingston
UNCC, B.A.; Univ. of Colorado, M.A.



Mr. Steve Livingston

Ms. Debi Lynn
UNCC, UNC-G, B.S.



Mr. Chip Martin
ECU, B.S.

Mrs. Yvonne S. McCathern
Lenoir Rhyne College, A.B.

Mrs. Julia McLean
Queens College, B.A.

Ms. Jean McNeely
UNC-G, A.B.; UNC-CH, M.A., M.A.T.

Mr. Ray Neel
ECU, B.S.

Mr. Mark Nixon
Bowling Green Univ., B.S., M.Ed.

Miss Marion Osborne
UNC-G, B.A.; UNC-CH, M.Ed. Univ. of Madrid

RIGHT: Mrs. Pedersen gives an explanation to an intelligent question. BELOW: Mrs. Rowell discusses class procedure with a student.

Mrs. Miriam C. Page
Coker College, B.S., Winthrop College, M.B.A.

Ms. Kathy Pettice
UNCC, B.A., M.A. Ed.

Mrs. Meta Rifkin
Columbia College, B.A., UNCC, M.A.

Miss Pamela C. Payne
Univ. of Georgia, B.A., UNCC, M.A.

Mrs. Barbara Pedersen
Univ. of Minnesota, B.S.

Mr. John W. Potts
Appalachian St. Univ., B.S.

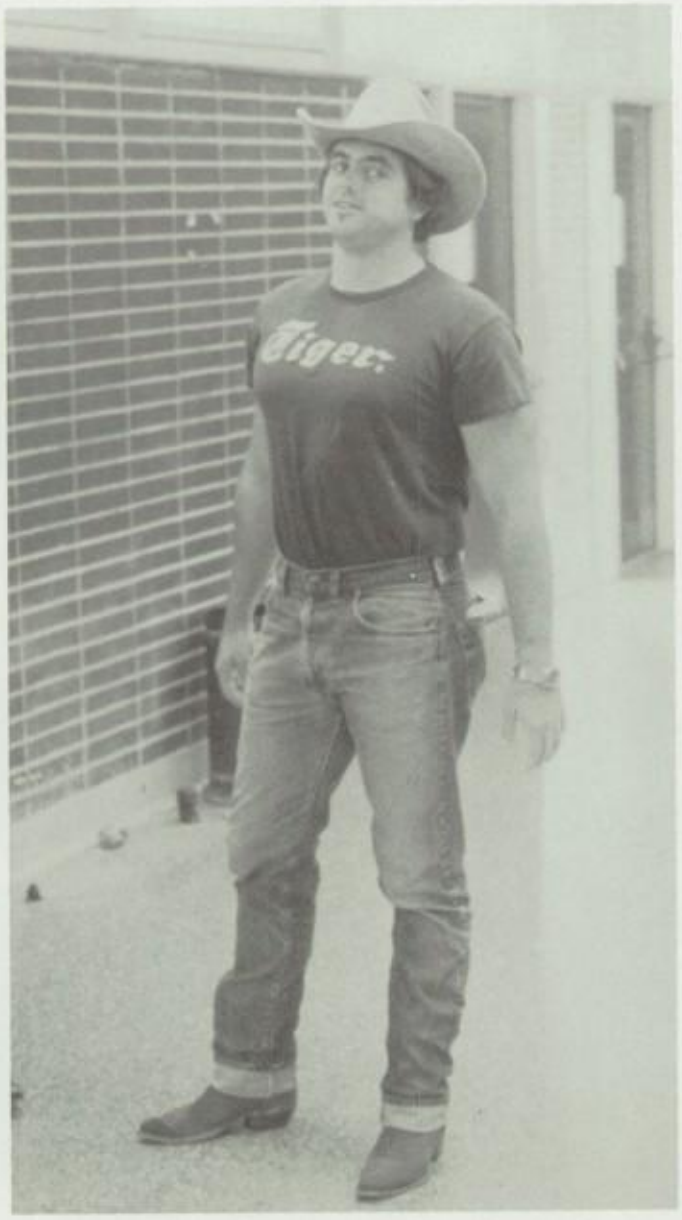
Mr. David G. Price
Western Caroline Univ., B.S., M.A.

Mrs. Jane S. Reid
Barber Scotia College, B.A., Appalachian St. Univ., M.A.

Mrs. Sue B. Reynolds
College of William and Mary, B.S.

Mrs. Christine Rowell
Appalachian St. Univ., B.S.

Mr. James E. Seacord
Gardner-Webb Univ.



P.E. Teachers Stress The Importance Of Good Conditioning

LEFT: It took very little effort for Coach Seacord to attire himself for Wild, Wild, West Day. BELOW: Ms. Payne takes a moment to pose.

Mr. Wayne Shultz
Northern Illinois Univ., B.S.

Mr. D. Larry Spencer
Gaston College, N.C. State Univ., B.S.

Mr. Dennis Stabler
Furman, B.S., Northwestern, M.A.

Ms. Kathleen Tawney
Florida State Univ., B.A.

Mrs. Marcia Teal
UNC-G, B.S., M.S.

Mr. Jim Terry

Mrs. Mavis S. Thompson
Maryville College, Wake Forest, B.S.

Ms. Evelyn Underwood
UNC-G, B.A.

Driver's Education Promotes Safe Driving Habits

Mrs. Ruth M. Wall
Wake Forest Univ., B.A.

Mr. Michael Watkins
N.C. A & T State Univ., B.S.; UNCC, M.Ed.

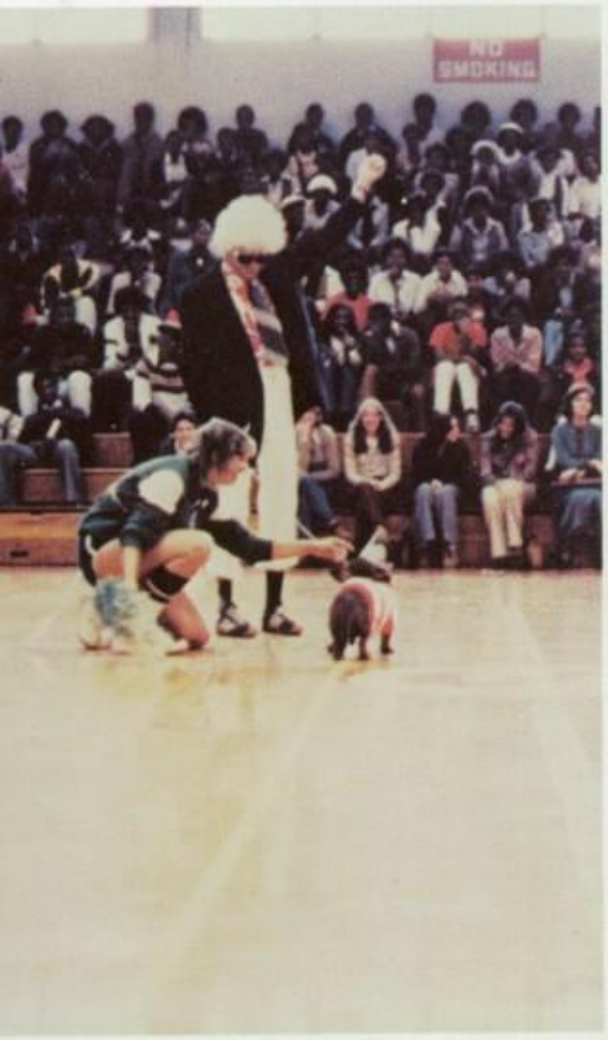
ABOVE: Mr. Wright explains the basics of driving to his student in hopes of producing a safe driver.

FACULTY NOT PICTURED:
Mrs. Joyce Bowden
Mr. Gary Brown
Master Chief Terry Callahan
Mr. J. E. Davis
Mr. Robert J. Fetner
Mrs. Ruby Gorham
Mrs. Julia Griffis
Master Sergeant Walter Padgett
Mr. Everett Vance

Mrs. Johnsie Williams
USC, B.A.

Mrs. Virginia H. Wood
Johnson C. Smith Univ., Univ. of Pittsburgh

Donald T. Wright
ASU, B.A.; N.C. State A & T Univ., M.S.



Senior Class Council Experiences A Full and Successful Year

The Senior Class Council began working long before the school year started.

With money that was left over from last year, they had a group from Spirit Square paint the mural of the Sabre in the mall. Secretary Joanna Woods contacted several students to bring food for a teacher brunch to welcome in the new year. September brought about the first disco with Roy Rosen. Homecoming week was full of activities that were topped off with the Seniors winning the building decoration contest. General members Shari Garnett and Donny Rabb, along with many other workers, carried out the plans made by President Judy Yates in giving the building its winning appearance. The determination of the council was also responsible for presenting a successful Miss South Pageant. Vice-President Alison Loftus not only spent countless hours in preparation but also participated as a contestant. The NCASC convention soon followed with much involvement from all students and Student Council members. It was the Seniors, however, who housed the most delegates. As January drew near, so did the dread that accompanies exams. The Exam Jam was a welcome relief after a week of rough studying and tests. The council's spring activities included those which are unique only to Seniors. The levity of Senior Follies provided a comical escape of the pressures of school life. Class night and Graduation served as climactic endings to an eventful and fun-filled year.

TOP LEFT: A last football pep rally involves members of the class councils and Executive Committee. Here senior David Snepp and junior Mary-Ann Brigel welcome the visiting Miss Myers Park. ABOVE: The Senior Class Council members from left are General Members Shari Garnett and Donny Rabb, Secretary-Treasurer Joanna Woods, Vice-President Allison Loftus, and President Judy Yates.

Alvarez Abernathy

Wanda Abraham

Clyde Adams

John Adams

Chris Addante

Andrew Ahrendt

Matthew Ahrendt

Leroy Alexander

Zula Alexander

Andrea Allen

Clay Allen

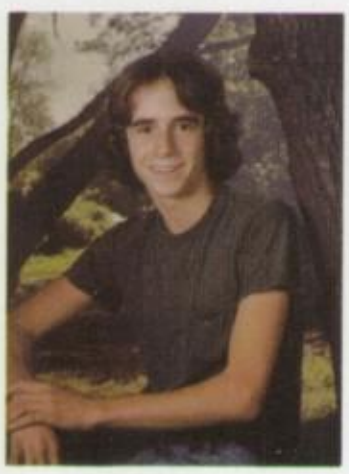
Richard Allsbrook

Bruce Alston

Dayton Altman

Jim Altman

Allen Anderson



Dale Anderson

David Anderson

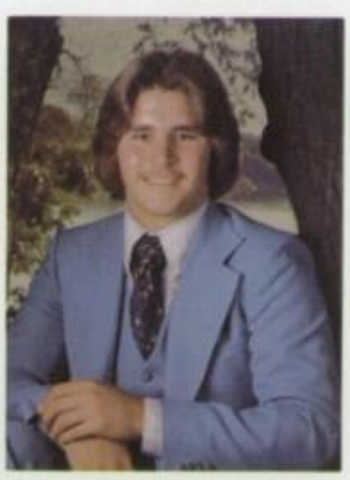
Shirley Anderson

Jeff Armstrong

Ricky Armstrong

Dana Atma

Marci Auble



Bryan Baker

Sharon Balas

Bobby Bankhead

Trenna Barbee

Carol Barton

Brenda Baxter

Mike Beal

Mike Beck

Ricky Beck

Angela Beckedorf

Wanda Beckham

Beatrice Bell

John Bell

Rebecca Bell

Diane Bellini

Benjamin Bentley

Diane Berkman

Adam Bernstein

Angela Berry

Angelina Berry

Lee Berry

Shep Berryhill

Jill Bertolami

Teresa Bevis

Bernetta Bidgood

Lisa Biggers

Wendy Biggerstaff

Leslie Bingaman

Suzanne Birle

Lisa Bishop

Cindy Bistany

Sharon Bittner

Tami Blanchard

Sheryl Bolden

Reginald Bonapart

Connie Bones

Mark Boozer

Patti Bostedo

Steve Boukedes

Melissa Boyd

Russell Bramlett

Tom Brangle

Darnell Brannon

Jill Brewer

Joy Brewer

Nancy Brewster

Angela Bridges

Tracy Brigel

Lee Brittian

Lynn Brittian

David Brooks

Kathie Brooks

Eric Broome

Cindy Brown

Darrell Brown

Elvina Brown

Pat Brown

Stephen Brown

Mike Bryant

Scott Burleson

Joe Burns

Monte Burroughs

Audrey Burton

Tommy Burton

Catherine Bush

Donna Byrd

Elizabeth Camilli

Kenneth Camp

Carolyn Camps

Cathy Carothers

Cindy Castano

Jeff Cathey

Terrie Chapman

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Doug Collins

Jeff Compton

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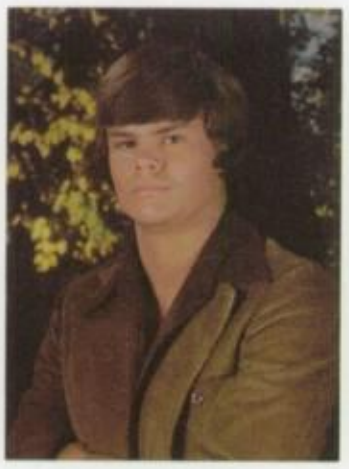
Jimmy Counts



David Crabb

Rob Craig

Don Cranford

Tammie Cranford

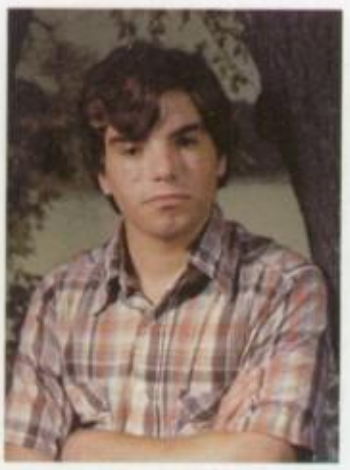
Bill Crann

Christine Crawford

Chrys Crawford

Mark Crockett

Katy Crowe



Bob Crowley

Katherine Crowley

Tracy Crumbley

Kathy Cullen

Darlene Cureton

Theresa Cusick

David Darnell

Carol Dashner

Vivian Davidson

Audrey Davis

Carolyn Davis

Cindy Davis

Ellen Davis

Ron Davis

Tamara Davis

Terry Davis

Jodi Day

Greg Deas

Jan Deese

Hewitt Denman

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Joan Dobrynski

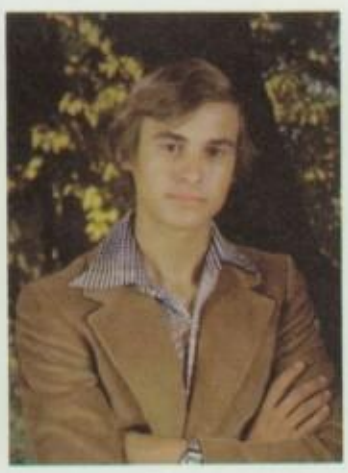
Annette Doster

Darrell Dunlap

Mike Dunn

Karen Durell

Kirk Durell



Wayne Earl

Cheryl Edwards

Lorrie Edwards

Sandra Edwards

Chris Ellis

Lynn Ellis

Tim Ellison

Kris Ely

Martha England

Bill Evans

Gail Evans

David Fairleigh

Ken Feist

Kim Felmet

Ricky Ferguson

Jenny Fisher

Don Flynn

Christie Foltz

Daniela Ford

Eric Ford

Pam Foster

Phil Foster

Maureen Fowler

Cindy Frazier

Lisa Freytag

Joe Frye

Leslie Furr

Wanda Gabriel

James Gaddy

Margaret Gaddy

Johnny Gamble

Greg Gannon

Rhonda Garner

Shari Garnett

Mark Garrett

Steve Gary

Wayne Gaston

Rusty Gaul

Ronnie Gazaway

Jeff George

Stephen George

Daphne Gibson

Mark Gilliland

Ethan Glasglow

Ray Glenn

Dave Goebel

John Goelz

Mike Good

Bruce Graham

Gwen Graham

Jan Graves

Alexander Gray

Patty Greene

Gerald Gregory

Michelle Grier

Celeste Griffin

Rachelle Gunter

Leslie Halberstadt

Loretta Hammond

Carol Hammonds

Calvin Harrelson

Hunt Harris

Ralph Hart

Karen Harte

Ken Hawk

Trip Haynes

Richard Henderson

Wesley Hendley

Maureen Hennely

Earl Hester

Bill Higgins

Wiz Highfill

Mark Hillman

Robin Hinnant

Jan Hobbs

Rusty Holder

Melanie Hollowell

Preston Honeycutt

Tim Hopkins

Christine Hoss

Judy Howell

Howard Hoyle

Denise Huffman

Helen Hugo

Mark Humphries

Cassandra Hunter

Cindy Hunter

Mike Hunter

Gwendolyn Ingram

Suzanne Isenhour

Sarah Jahns

Barbara Jant

Jane Jarrett

Amy Jenkinson

Angela Jeter

Sandra Jetton

Rick Johnson

Molly Johnston

Ann Jones

Ricky Jones

Shirley Jones

Lisa Jordan

Effie Karapanos

Mark Katibah

Robert Kehr

Danny Kell

Paul Kelly

Addison Kendrick

Tracy Kessler

Leigh King

Matt King

Larry Kinney

Rob Kinniburgh

Marilyn Knox

Chris Koernert

David Kouri

Kim Krajack

David Kub

Jeff Kuekes

Lucy Lamb

Pete Lambert

Melissa Lampkin

Leslie Lancaster

Kelley Landers

Kelly Lands

Lori Lane

Mike Lapomarda

Willie Lauderdale

Barry Lee

Greg Lee

Jennifer Lee

Todd Leonard

Julie Lester

Sam Levin

Jim Lewis

Carrie Lindsay

Eddie Link

Larry Little

Antonio Livingston

Chris Lockwood

Alison Loftus

Brent Long

Steve Long

LaGena Lookabill

Gayle Love

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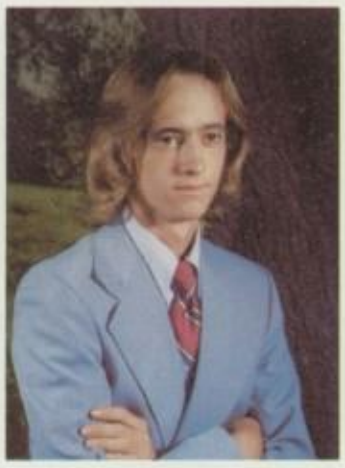

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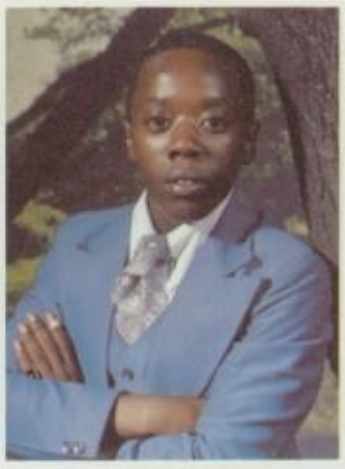

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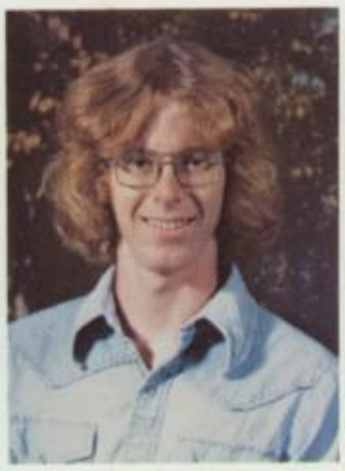

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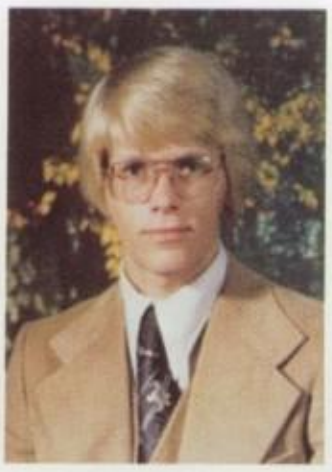

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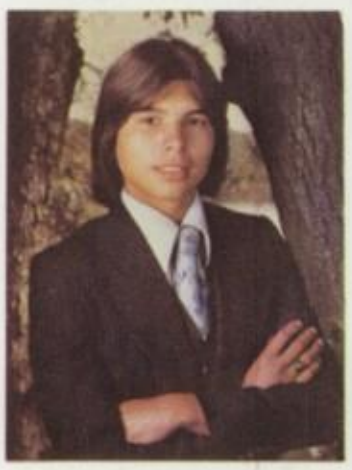

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Jeff Yarbrough

Judy Yates

Julie Yates

Cherrie Yeargin

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Fred Young

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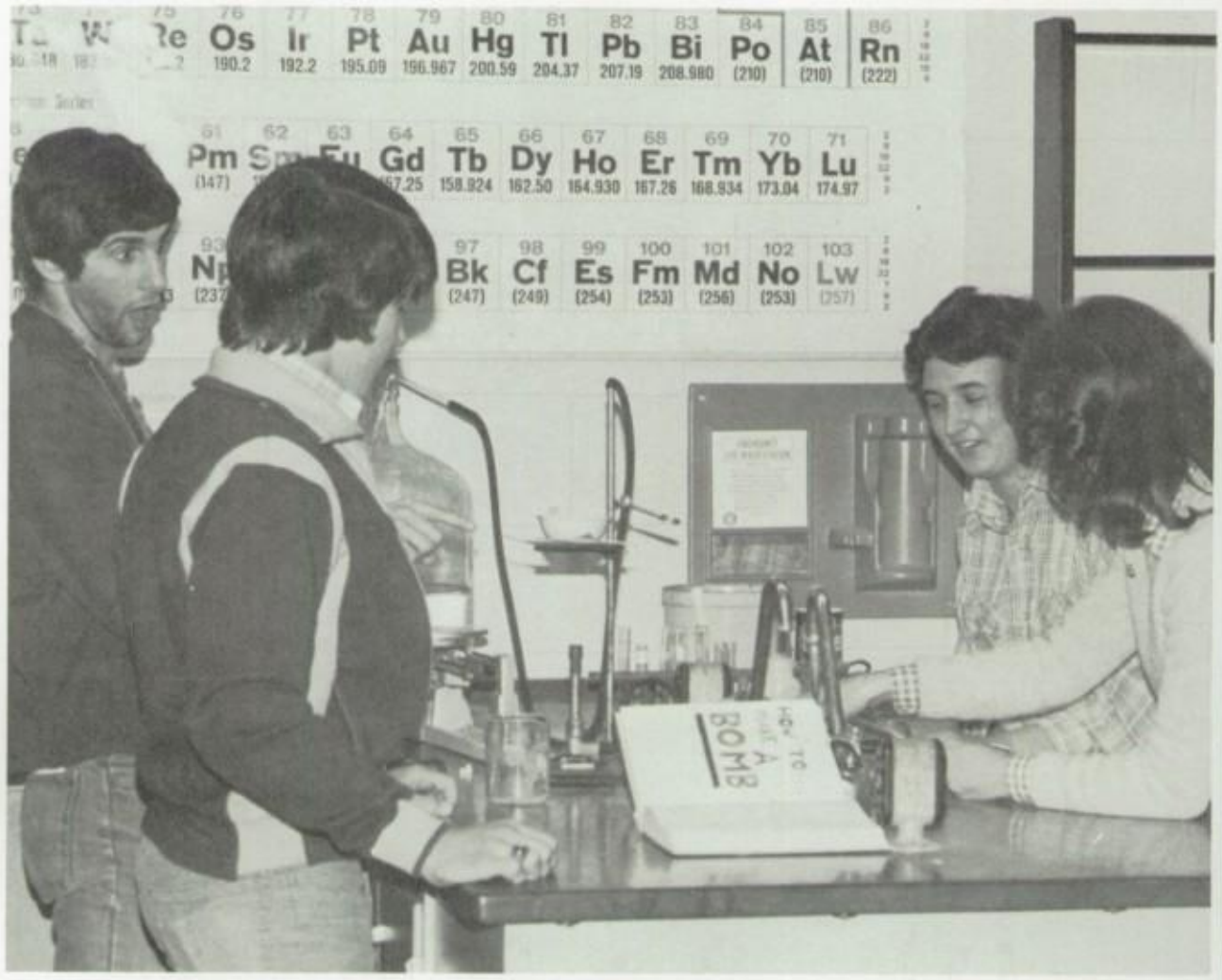
Science Labs Offer Answers to Curious Students

Three college preparatory science courses were offered at South this year. Biology II, Chemistry II and Physics were made available to seniors interested in making a career in the science profession. Much of the courses involved lab activities. These labs enabled the students to gain firsthand knowledge and experience to carry on to their college science studies.



ABOVE: Tamara Davis gives her project in Biology II. TOP RIGHT: Chemistry II provides intriguing experiments for Patti Bostedo, Angela Beckedorf, David Kouri, and Eric Ward. RIGHT: Shelly Shivar and Phillis Williams seem fascinated while setting up their Physics lab.

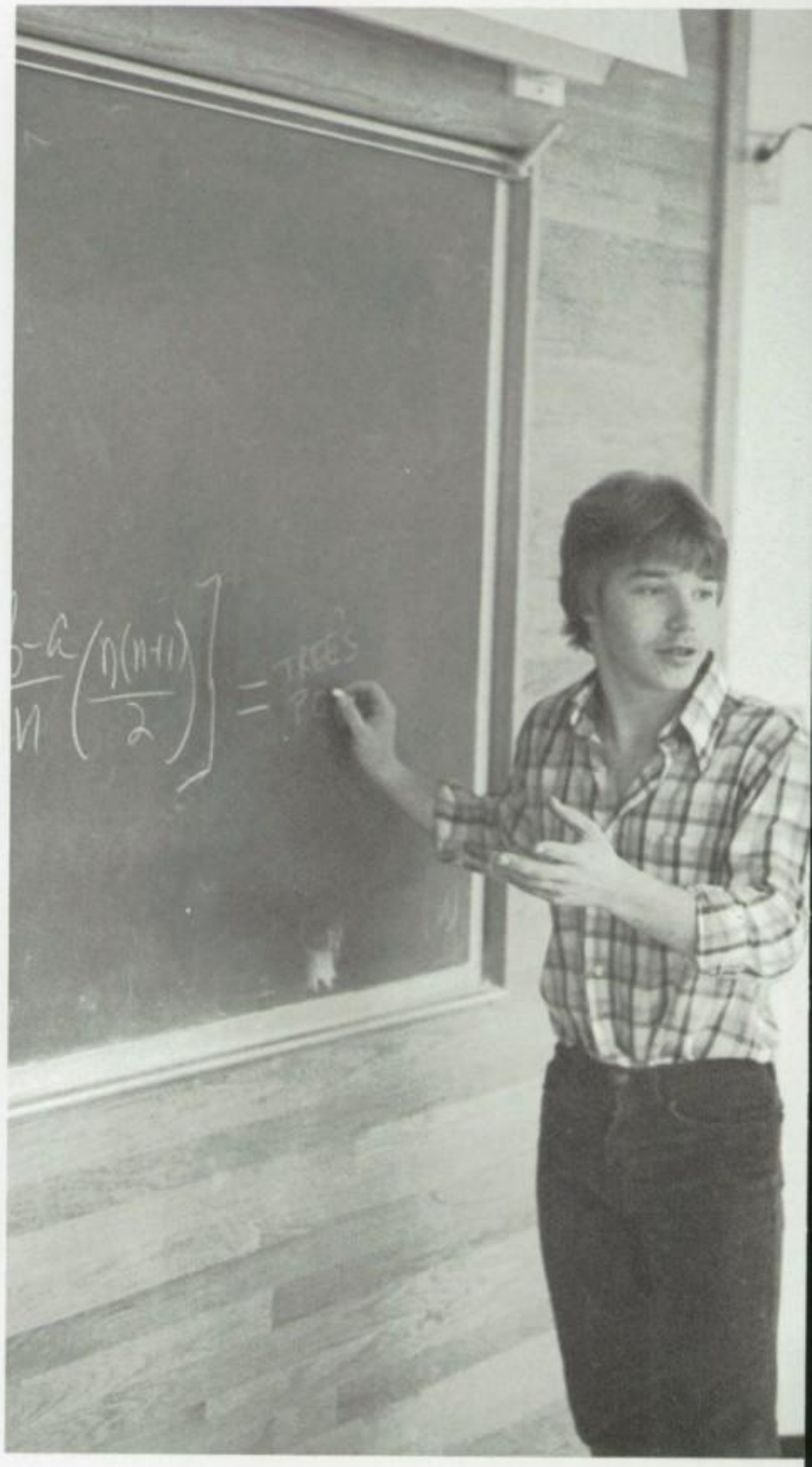
Senior English Classes Focus on British Lit.

Twelfth year English was primarily a study of British Literature. The course served to enlighten students about poems, novels, plays, and essays of the region as well as the authors of the various literary works. A class for the Academically Talented was offered for those students who wished to study the course in more depth and at a more accelerated speed. The Advanced Placement program gave students an opportunity to place out of some hours of college English by taking the Advanced Placement Test at the end of the year.

LEFT: Students in Miss Tawney's English class use learning centers to study British novels. BELOW: British Literature is brought to life in imaginative bulletin boards created by students.

Seniors Sharpen Math Skills

Seniors were offered a variety of math courses, including Algebra, Geometry, and General Mathematics, as well as college preparatory classes. They consisted of Concepts, Analysis, and Calculus. Concepts involved a study of circular and trigonometric functions while Analysis and Calculus expounded deeper into these same ideas. Whether studying in the regular or advanced level, math served to keep students alert and aware.



ABOVE: These Concepts students employ total concentration during a test. TOP RIGHT: Calculus student, Bobby Mitcheltree, seeks approval for his newly invented formula. RIGHT: Lisa Freytag empasizes the use of the protractor with this oversized model.

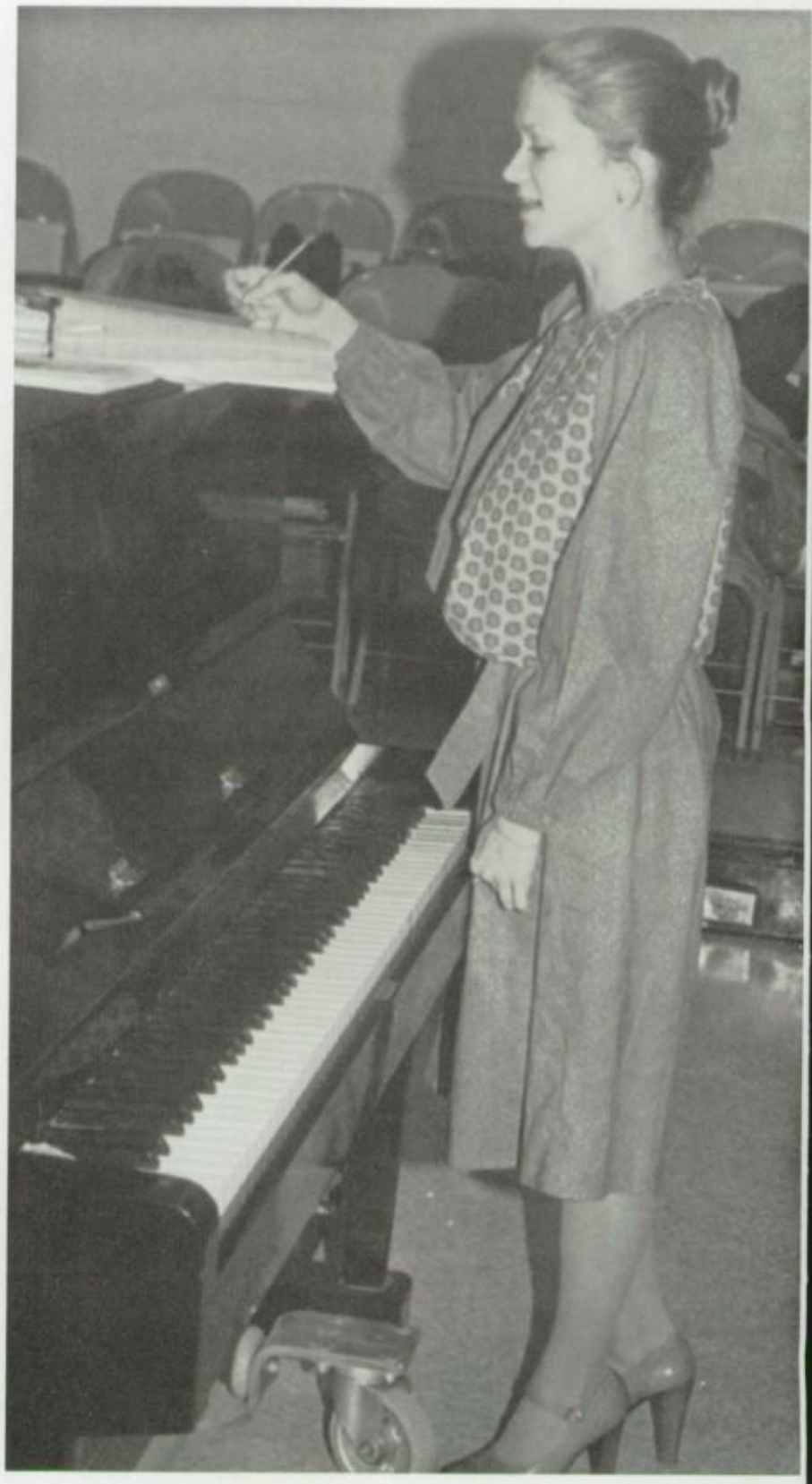
World History And Psychology Are People Oriented Courses

The Senior history curriculum contained a variety of subjects. World History was offered on the regular, academically talented and advanced placement levels. Psychology and sociology allowed students to concentrate on the motives and actions of one's mind. The primary teaching tool for these classes was lecturing. Films, filmstrips and group projects gave students direct involvement in order to stimulate participation.

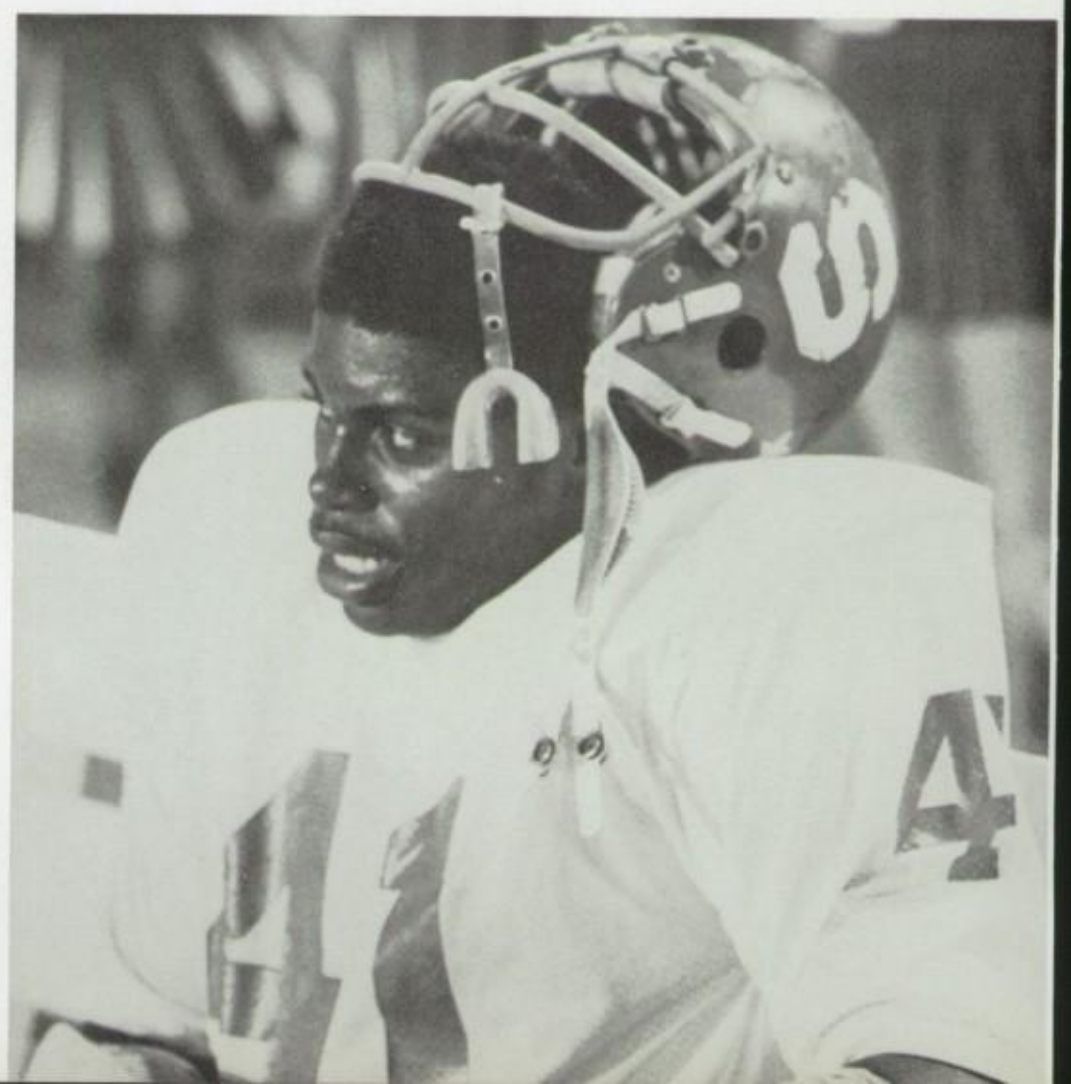
TOP LEFT: Psychology lectures capture the interest of the students. ABOVE: Mr. Curtis frightens his students with an impending quiz. LEFT: World History provides John Goelz and Reginald Ray with interesting projects.

Seniors Win Recognition

The Senior Class of 1979 nominated and voted on the students they felt qualified as Outstanding Seniors. From a list of thirty-six students, twelve were chosen whose accomplishments included a variety of activities such as school, community, and athletic, as well as academic and personal talents. Students were selected with the major purpose being to award recognition to those previously not honored. The following twelve students served as a representation of an active and well-rounded senior class.



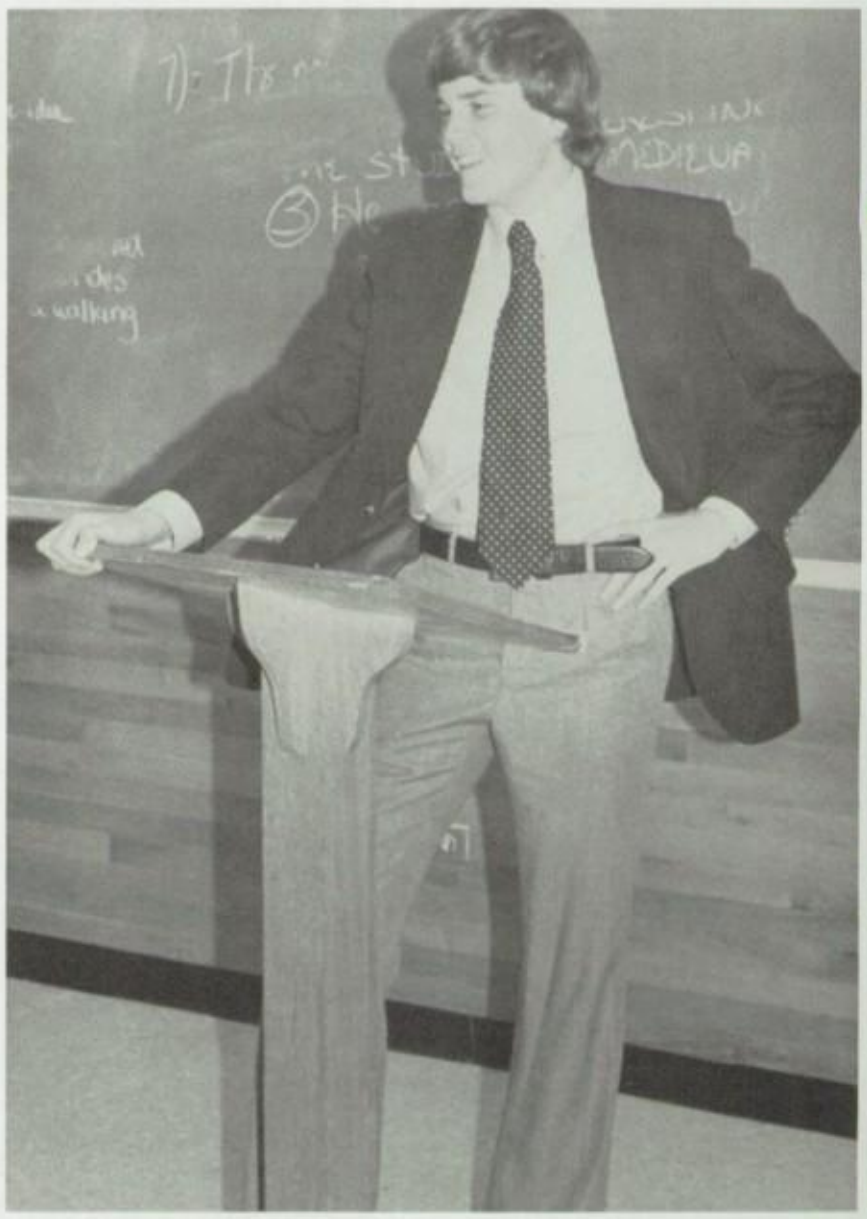
ABOVE: Soccer team captain, Bobby Mitcheltree takes a rest from an exhausting game but manages to save enough strength to be involved in the National Honor Society, Young Life and various church activities. ABOVE RIGHT: Being Vice-President of the Concert Choir, Kelly Wells' duties include taking roll during class. Her musical talents have earned her positions in various other groups including the Sabre and Chamber Singers of South Meck, Charlotte Youth Oratorio Singers, Unity Singers of WBTV, All County Chorus, lead in spring production of "Guys and Dolls", and CPCC Summer Theater. She also gives of her time by being a member of SOS, National Honor Society Secretary, Beta Club, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Homecoming Court, Miss South Pageant, and the cast of Senior Follies. RIGHT: Alvarez Abernathy's outstanding football talents earn him spots on the All County Team and All American Athletic Yearbook. His contributions are not limited to football, however, as he is a member of the track team, Project Aires, Spanish Club, Interact, and the Senior Follies cast. His sportsmanship and all around good character earned him a nomination for the Hugh O'Brien citizenship award.

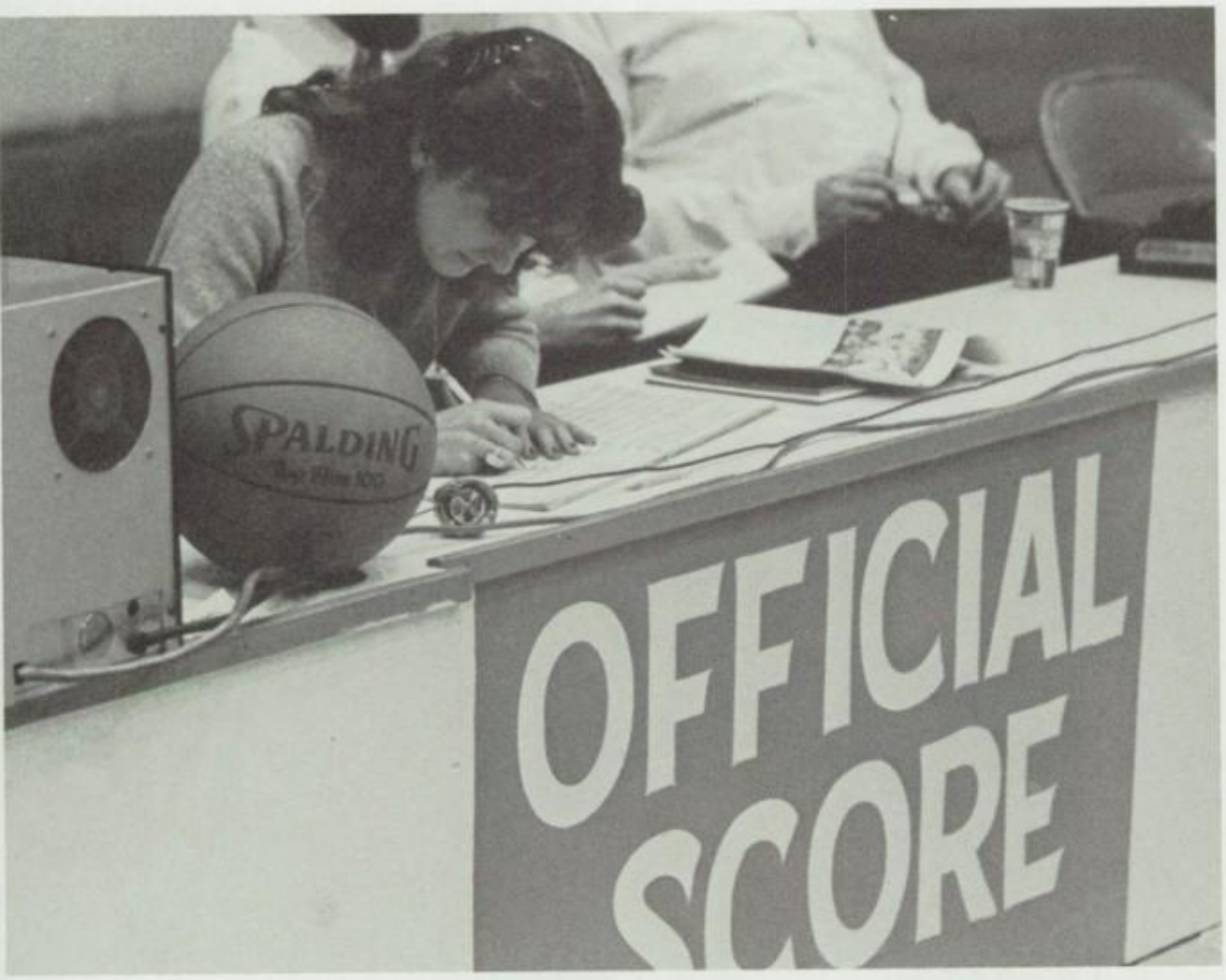


LEFT: The excitement of being a member of the Homecoming Court is seen in the faces of Pam Young and her father. She employs this same enthusiasm in her many activities which include being a Varsity Cheerleader, second runner-up in the Miss South Pageant, member of SOS, Red Cross, FTA, and the Senior Follies cast. BELOW LEFT: As editor of the Sabre's Blade, Adam Bernstein combines his literary talents with his unending wit to produce a very entertaining newspaper. His musical abilities earn him membership in the Youth Symphony, All State Band, and All State Orchestra. Athletics and academics also play major roles in his schedule by his participation on the tennis team, Beta Club, and National Honor Society. BELOW: Mary Margaret Neilson seems to always be on the run in order to keep up with her schedule of activities which include Beta Club, National Honor Society, SOS, track team and being a member of the casts of "Blithe Spirit", Senior Follies, and "Guys and Dolls." She also serves as co-head Varsity Cheerleader, member of the Homecoming Court, and contestant in the Miss South Pageant. This broad range of talents along with her consistent good character prove her to be a deserving recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution citizenship award.

Outstanding Seniors Rewarded for Accomplishments

ABOVE LEFT: Shirley Jones contributed to many areas of school during her three years at South. Her interest in music led her to being a member of the Concert Choir, the Sabre Singers and the Chamber Choir of which she served one year as the vice president. She was elected to the Junior Class Council, was on the Flag Corps her junior year and in her senior year she became a lettergirl. Shirley was also a member of Red Cross and in her two years in Project Aries she spent one as secretary. In 10th and 11th grades she was nominated for Governors School and in 12th grade she was a contestant in the Miss South Pageant. In the community she served as a cabin counselor for the Anita Stroud Camp. ABOVE RIGHT: Helping with the morning announcements was only one of Amy Turner's tasks as Vice President of the Executive Committee. She also served as President of the ICC, held the office of General Member of the Sophomore Class Council and was Secretary of the Executive Committee. Other government related activities included being a delegate to Mars Hill, the Western District Convention, the N.C., State Convention, and the Civitan Youth Conference. Amy's other school activities included being a member of the Tennis Team in 10th grade, a cheerleader in the 11th grade and a member of the Concert Choir, the Beta Club, and the Interkeys service club. She was also extensively involved in Young Life and Campaigners. RIGHT: As a member of the Executive Committee, David Snepp, participated in organizing dances and fund raising activities as well as being chairman of the registration committee during the NCASC. His community activities included being on the WSOC-TV Channel 9 Youth Advisory Board, which advised their news department on interesting school related activities, and was President of the Sailings Explorers, which also entitled him to serve as a representative to the Charlotte Explorers President Association. David also took on the responsibility of working as a lead foreman at Carowinds.



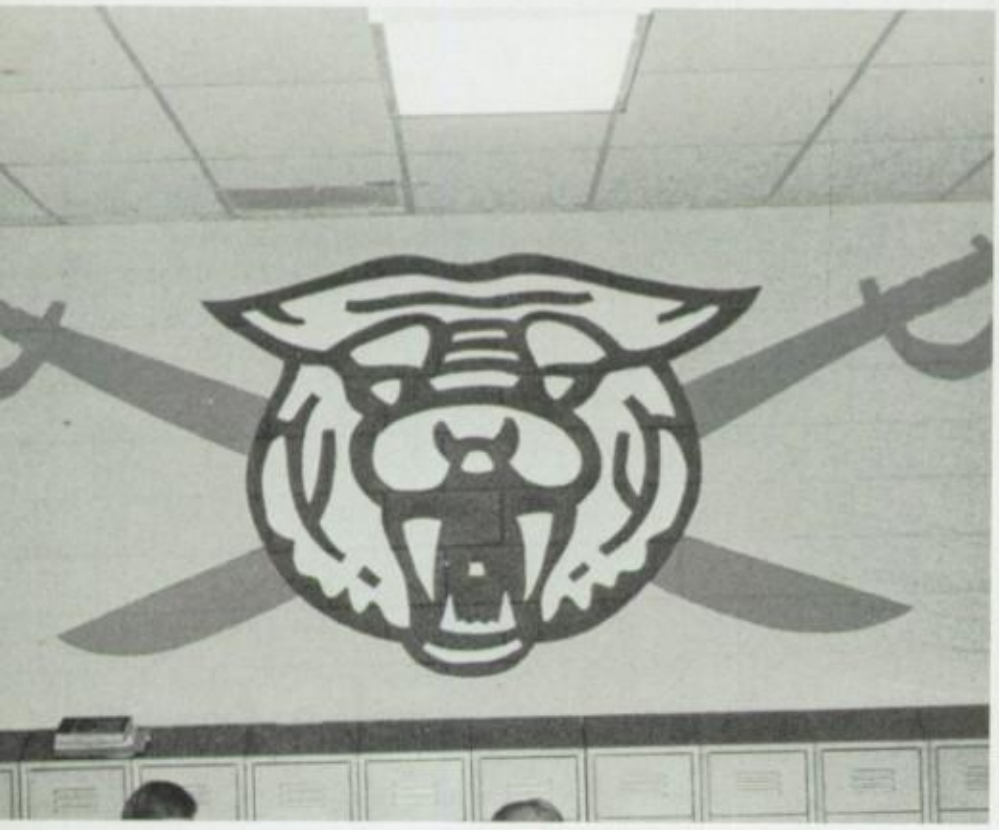


LEFT: One of Georganna McDonald's several activities included being a scorekeeper at basketball games. She was also a member of the National Beta Club, the Interkeys service club in which she served one year as secretary, and she contributed much as a member of the Sabre's Blade Staff. In the community, Georganna was an active member of her youth group at Christ Lutheran Church while maintaining a twenty-hour work week at Sears Department Store. BELOW LEFT: Alexander Gray proved to be something of a musical wonder during his years at South. For three years he was a member of the All State Band, occupying first chair for two years. This entitled him to audition for the Honors Band which covers the entire state of North Carolina, and in 1978 he won a position with the band. He was also selected to play with "The United States Navy Band," won an excellent rating in instrumental music at a Winthrop Solo Ensemble Contest and was a nominee in music for Governors School. Not totally limited to music, Alexander was also a Junior Honor Marshall and a member of the track team. BELOW: Catherine Willeams awed and pleased everyone by being chosen Homecoming Queen, Miss South, and Carousel Princess, which entitled her to a $1000 scholarship to UNCC, all in one year. She also won the local Junior Miss title and was a contestant in the N.C. Junior Miss Pageant. At school Catherine was a cheerleader for three years and was a member of the SOS club, the Drama Club, and the DECA club. Her community work included being a member of the Gay Porter Amateur Dance Company, teaching gymnastics at the YWCA, and being a qualified judge for gymnastics meets.

Seniors Spend Time Reminiscing

When we close our school books for the last time in June, we will all feel a sense of loss. Not the loss of knowledge of things such as math or science, but the gnawing realization that we, the graduating class of 1979, will never again be together as a group. No matter what we promise our friends, we will all lose touch eventually. The familiar faces and places of our school days will fade in our minds until years to come when we will think back in a fond burst of nostalgia. Only then can we comprehend what twelve years of education really were. Now as we face the cold, cruel world with nothing but our individuality, and when we feel alone and helpless, we can take comfort in knowing that as long as we can beckon to our memories, we will always be together.

Michael Lapomarda



ABOVE: The Sabre serves as a symbol of school spirit and enthusiasm. ABOVE RIGHT: The cast members of Senior Follies pose for one final picture before their last performance. RIGHT: Snow covered and deserted, the senior bench awaits student activity to bring it back to life.

Juniors Class Council Works Hard and Enjoys a Successful Year

The officers for the Junior Class Council were elected during the spring of last year. Mary Ann Brigel was elected President while Ester Kim was chosen as Vice-President. Donna York became Secretary-Treasurer. Lori Ferguson and Kenneth McNeely were elected General Members.

There were several fund-raising projects to help pay for prom expenses. Carnations were sold prior to Christmas and on Valentine's Day. There was a T-shirt sale in the fall which was overwhelmingly popular. Several dances and discos were also sponsored during the year.

The Council also played a major role in the NCASC Convention which was held at South Mecklenburg in the fall.

ABOVE LEFT: Lori Ferguson bears another one of Mary Ann Brigel's jokes. ABOVE RIGHT: Members of the Junior Class Council discuss plans for the Senior Prom. BELOW: Lori Ferguson (General Member), Donna York (Secretary-Treasurer), Mary Ann Brigel (President), Ester Kim (Vice-President) and Kenneth McNeely (General Member).

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Patti Alaska
Susan Alden
Frank Alexander
Danielle Alion
David Allan

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Robin Allen
Brian Allman
Mike Allman
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Patrice Ashford

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Rob Ballantyne
Chris Bankhead
Zeke Barber

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Joseph Berryhill
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Carrie Bither
Larry Bittner

Mike Blom
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Sandra Bonilla
John Borders
Suzanne Borgnis
Tammy Bowen
Diana Boyd

Patti Bradford
Tim Bradshaw
Lori Brauer
Eileen Brennan
Mary Ann Brigel
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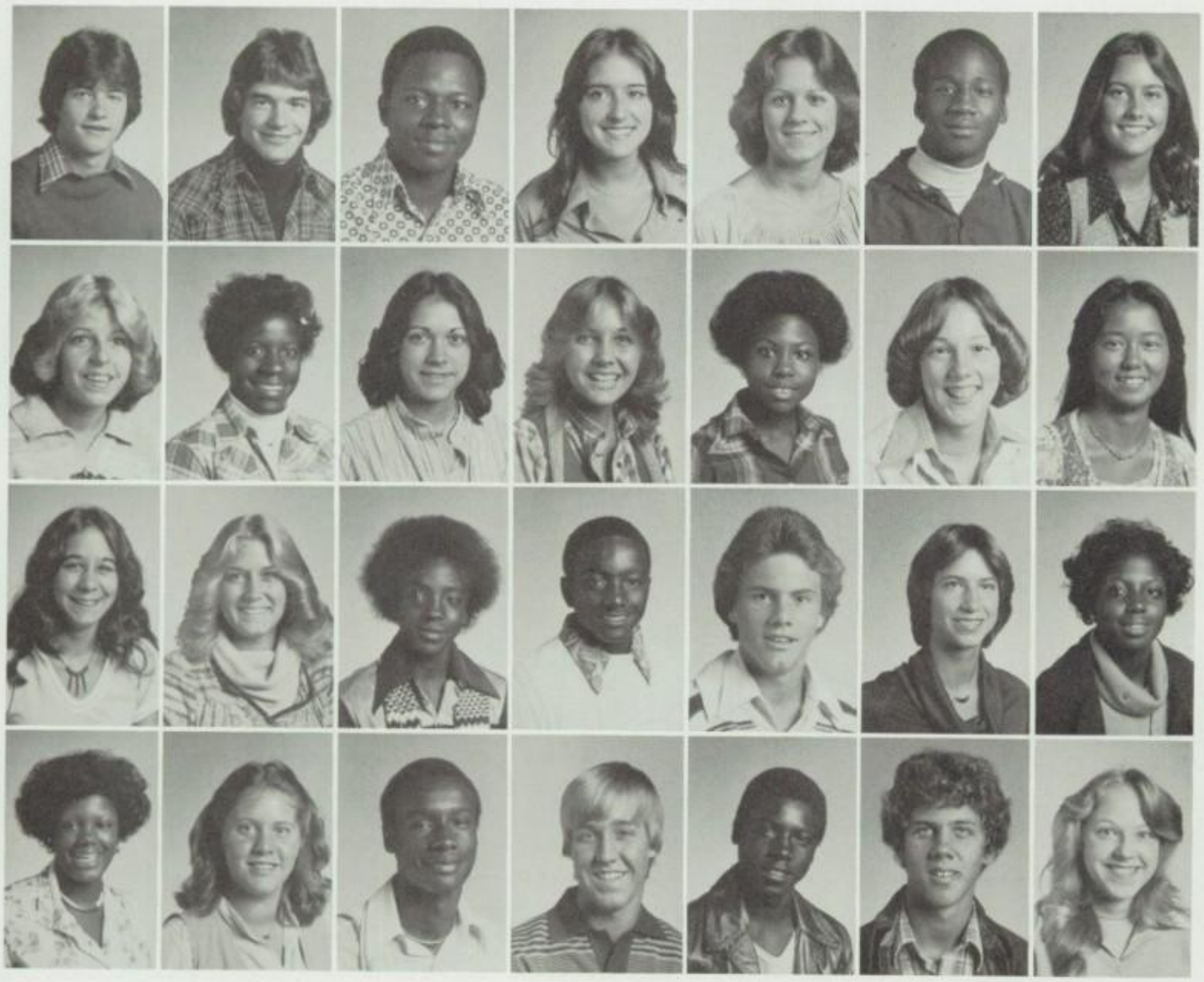
Fran Howey helps Juniors decorate for Homecoming.



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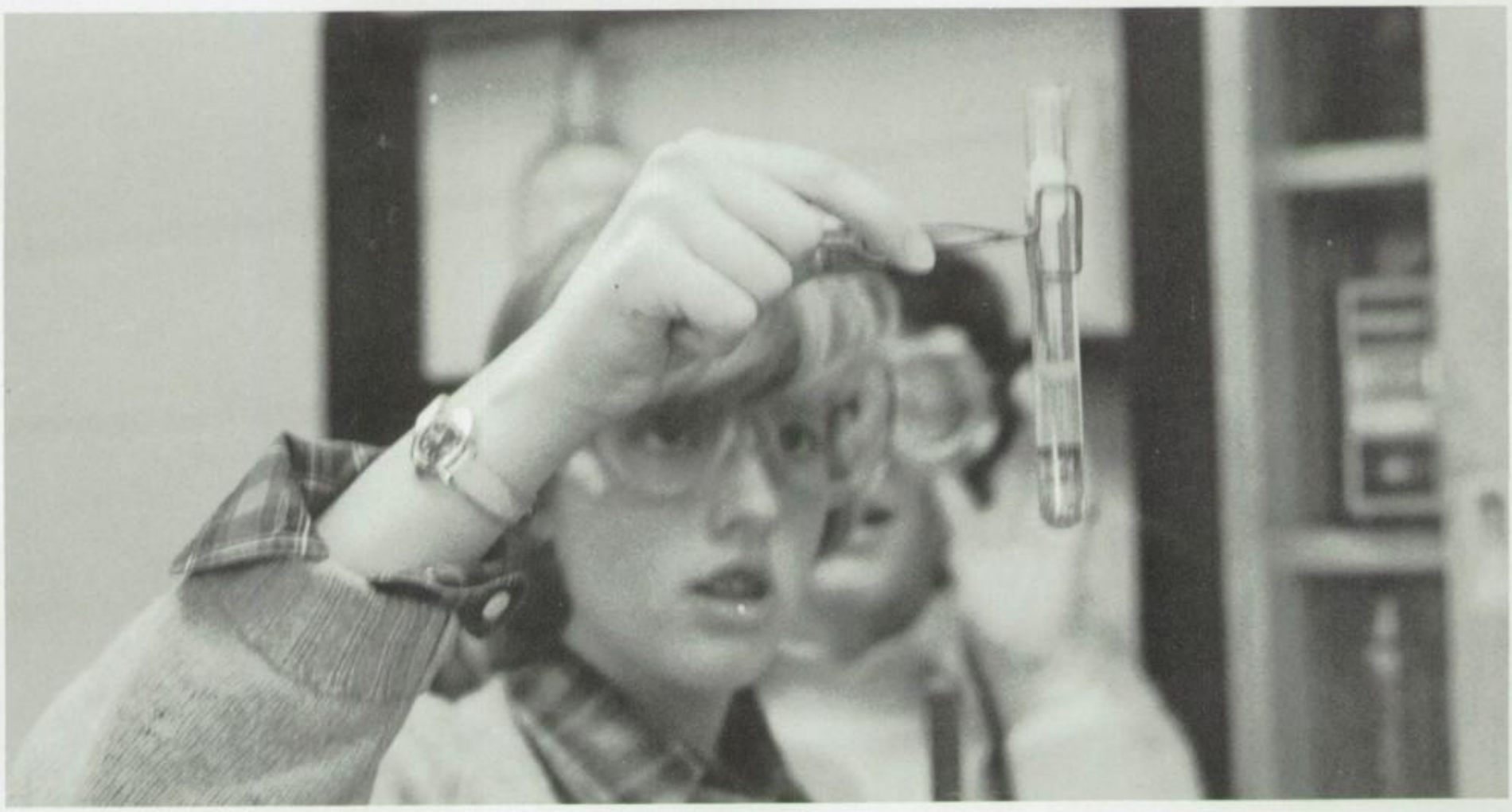

Becky Craig examines the contents of a test tube.

Craig Kluttz introduces himself at a fall pep rally.

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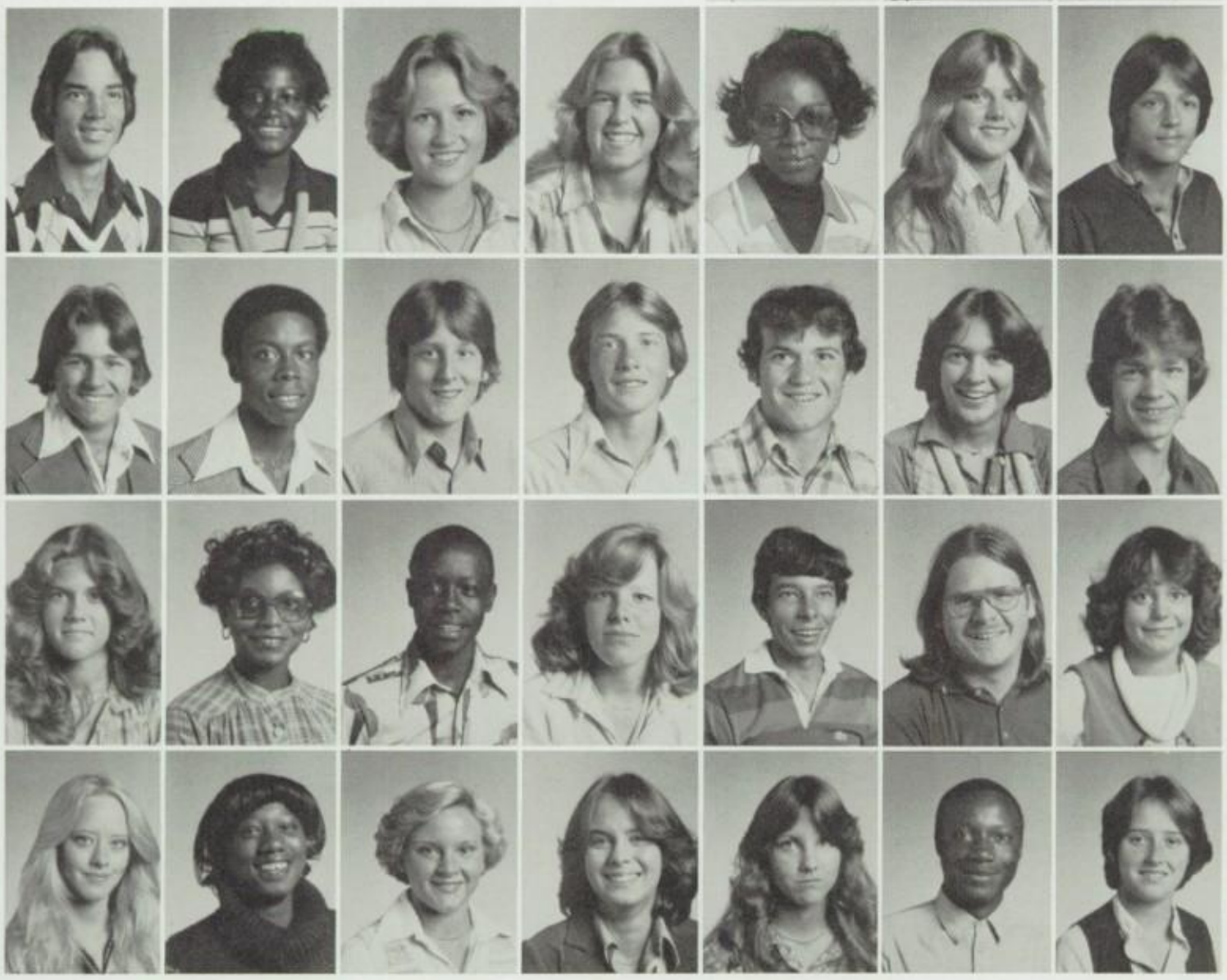

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Linda Floyd

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Robin Fortner
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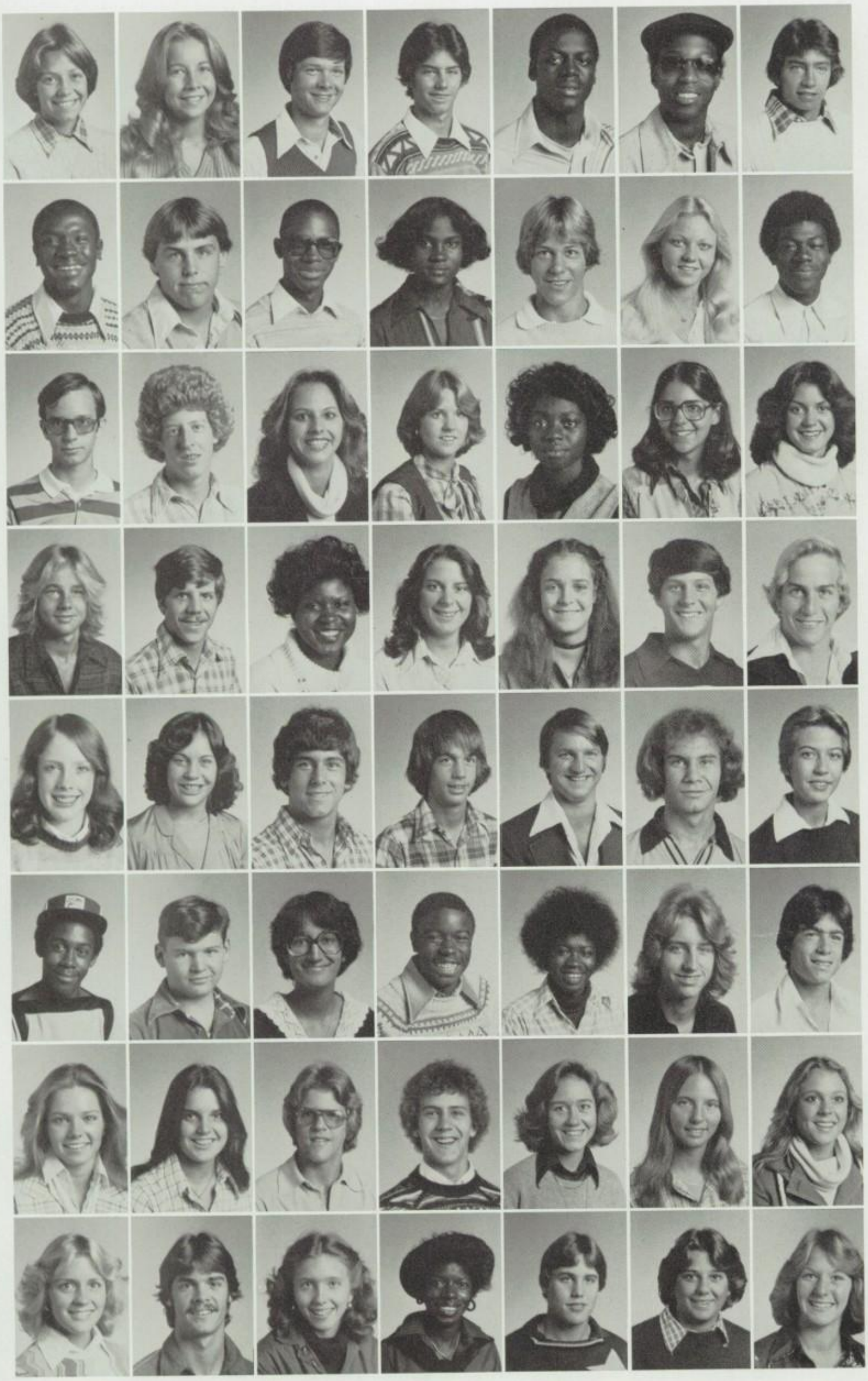

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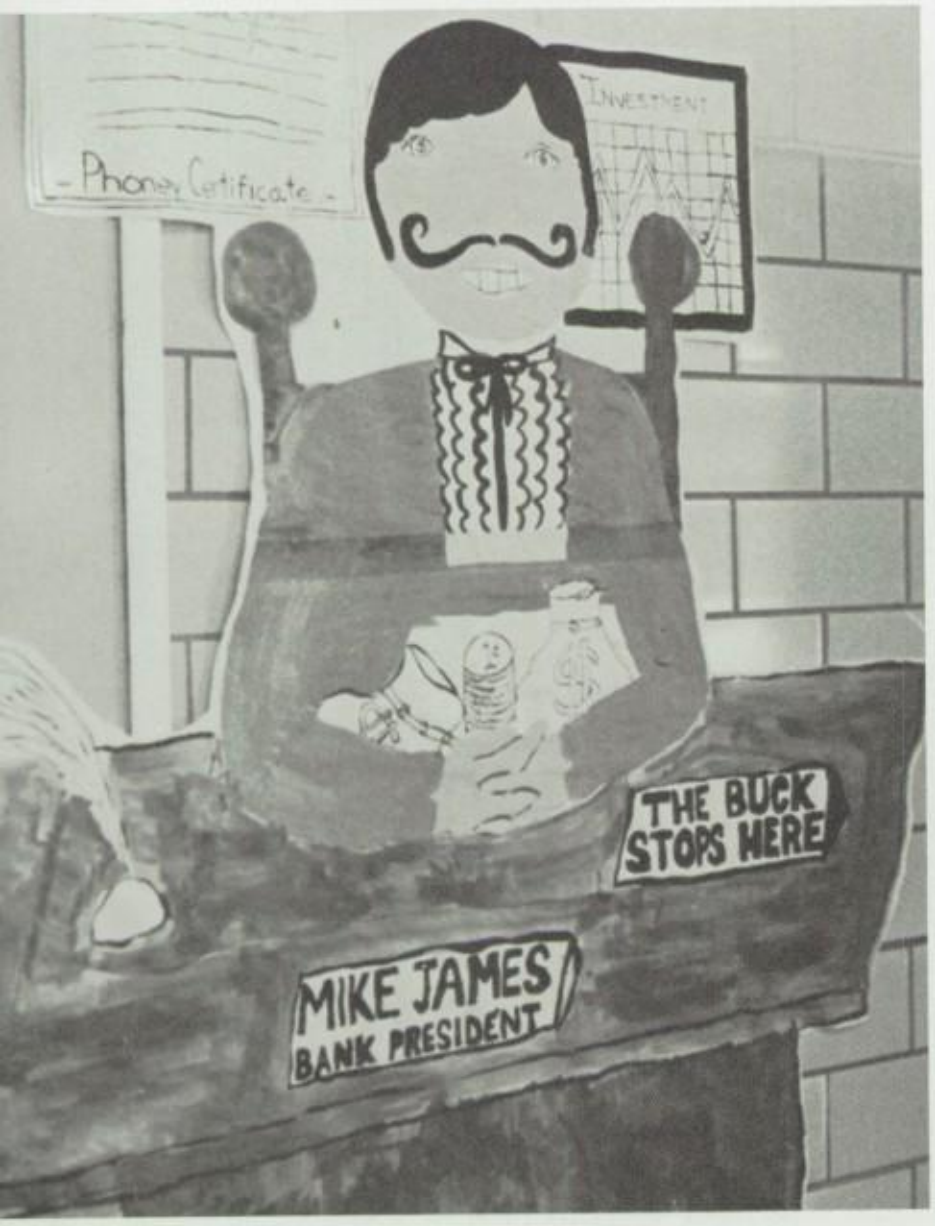
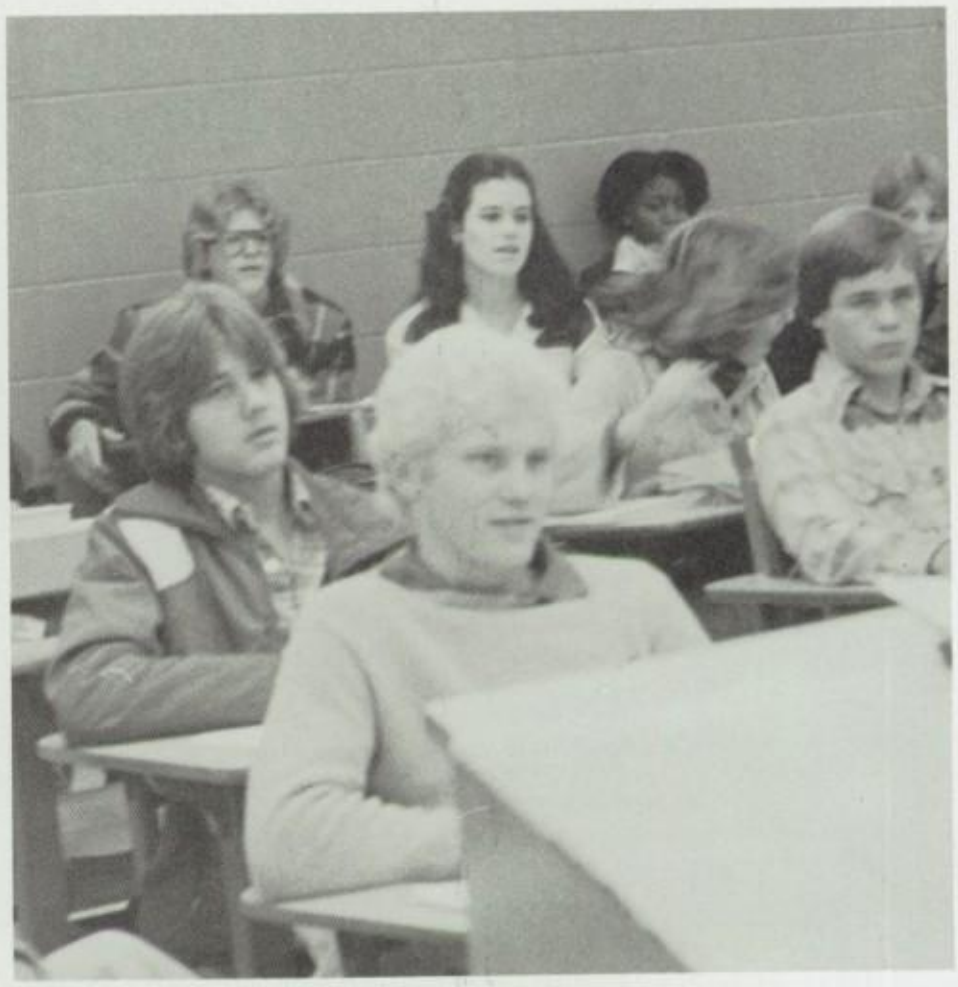
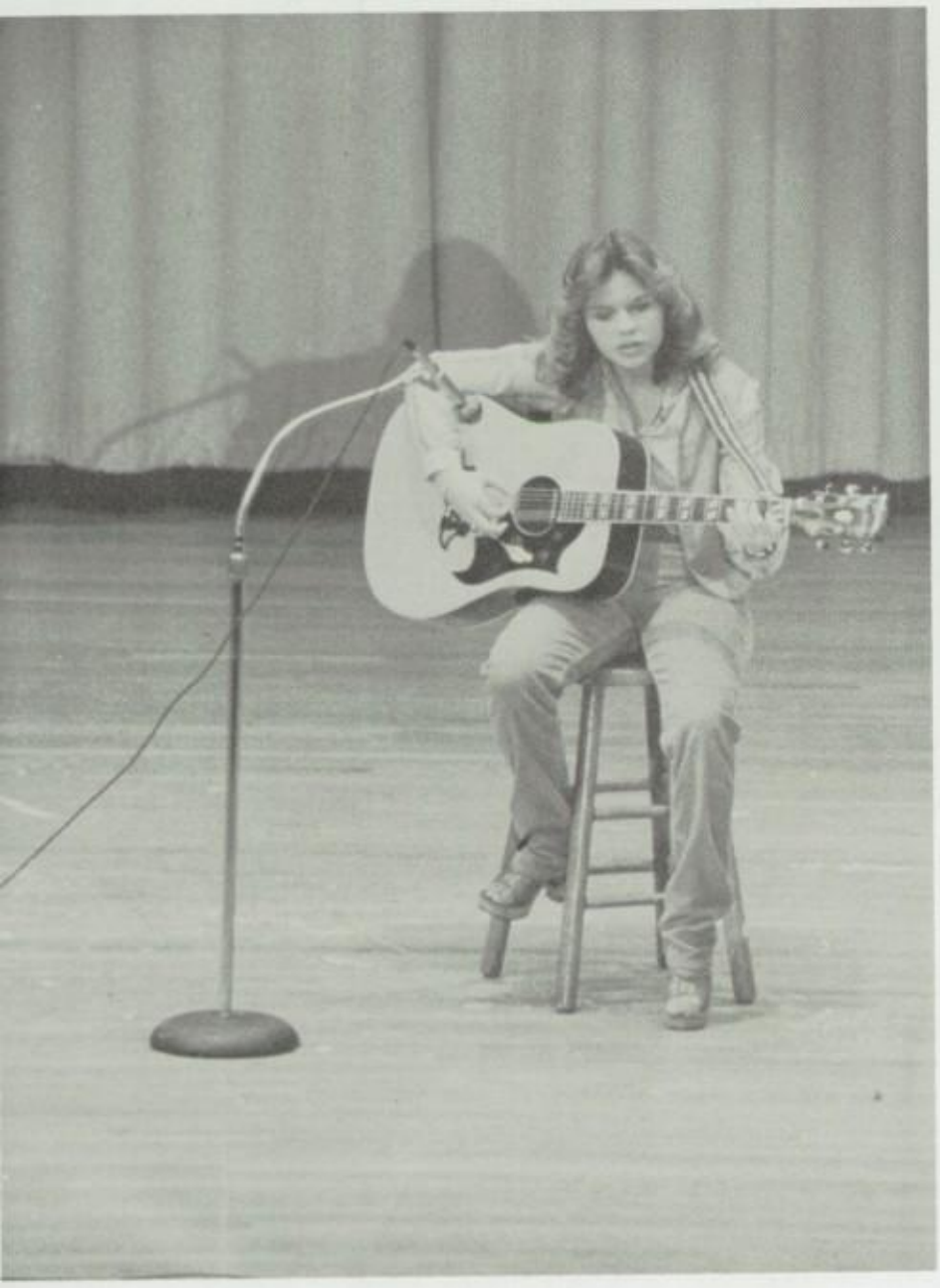


LEFT: Artistic work is displayed by Junior Class during Spirit Week. BELOW: Minds seem to wander in a Junior United States History class.

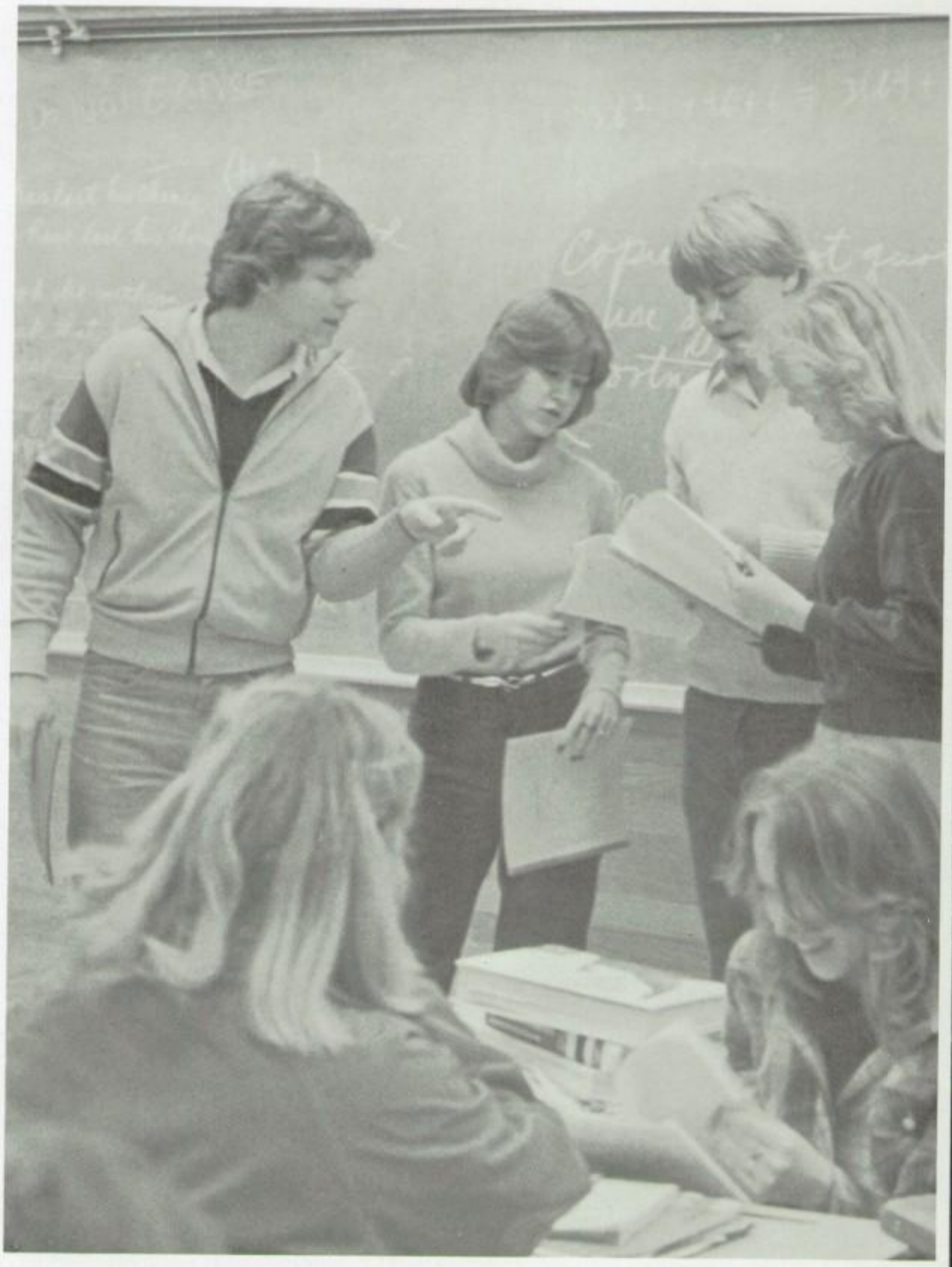




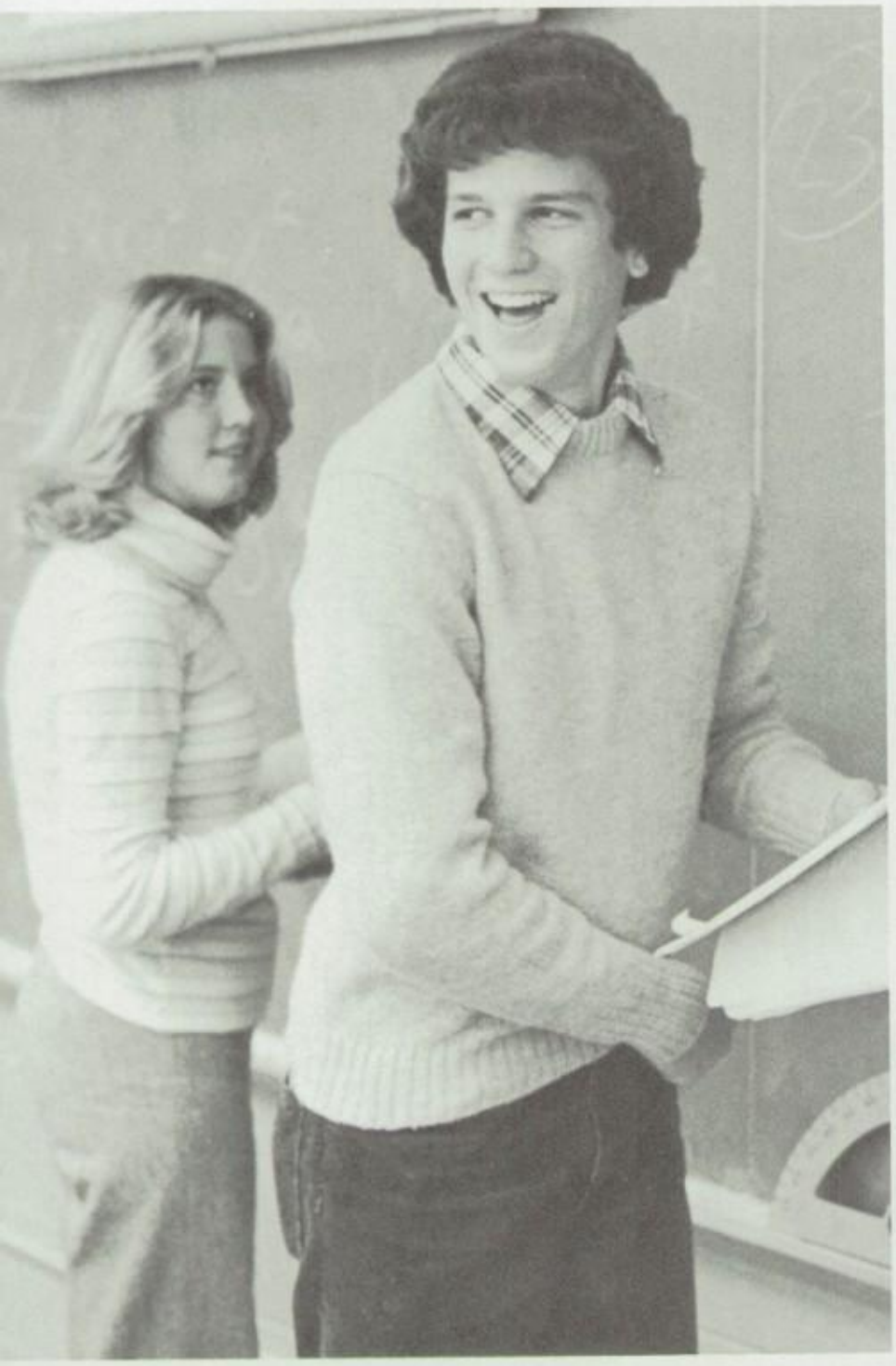
ABOVE: Esther Kim, Kiki Tingas, Marianne Brigel, Lori Ferguson, and Kenneth McNeely enjoy themselves at a school function. LEFT: With her combination of singing and playing the guitar, Carmel Kerley wins the First Annual Gong Show.

Juniors Are Confronted With The Basic Requirements

The typical day of a junior was always filled with excitement. In Chemistry, he was deeply interested in a lab, wondering what the results would be. He then rushed to Algebra II where he discovered, surprisingly enough, that all of last night's homework was correct. Following math, he typed incessantly, attempting to increase his speed and to make fewer mistakes than the previous day. In Spanish, he was fascinated by his successful attempt to talk to his classmates and teacher. After that class, he went to the cafeteria to eat, while talking with his friends and putting his mind at rest. United States history captured his mind as he learned about the Civil War in Mrs. Jackson's class. He enriched his culture in his English II class with literature by Ernest Hemingway and other American authors. He stared at the clock and waited for the 2:10 bell to ring that would end another terrific day as a junior at South Mecklenburg High School.



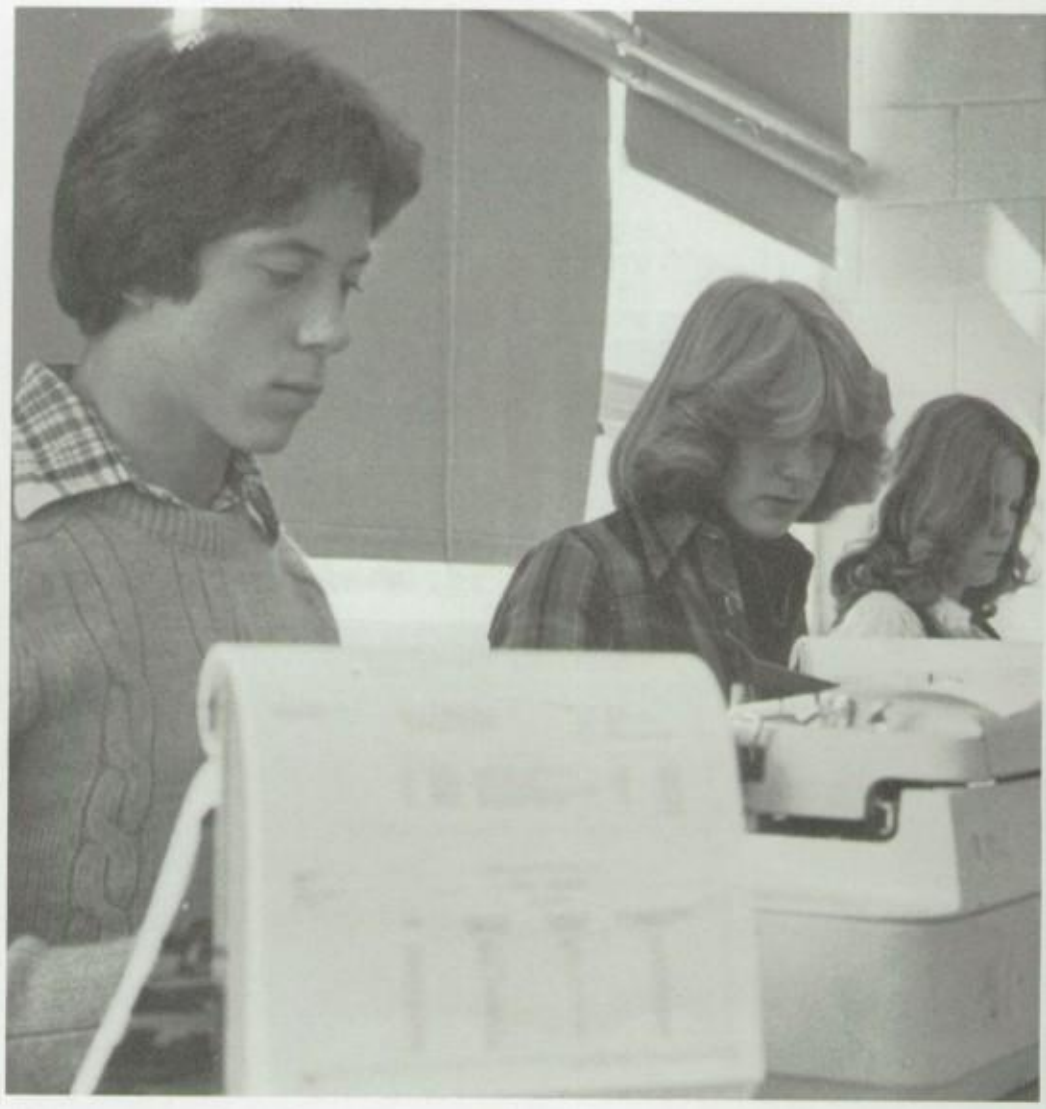
RIGHT: Mark Deaver, Cecelia Bishop, Jimmy McNairy, and Mary Lynn Somers proofread each other's English reports. BELOW: Patty Curry and Kathy Williams proudly display their U.S. history project.



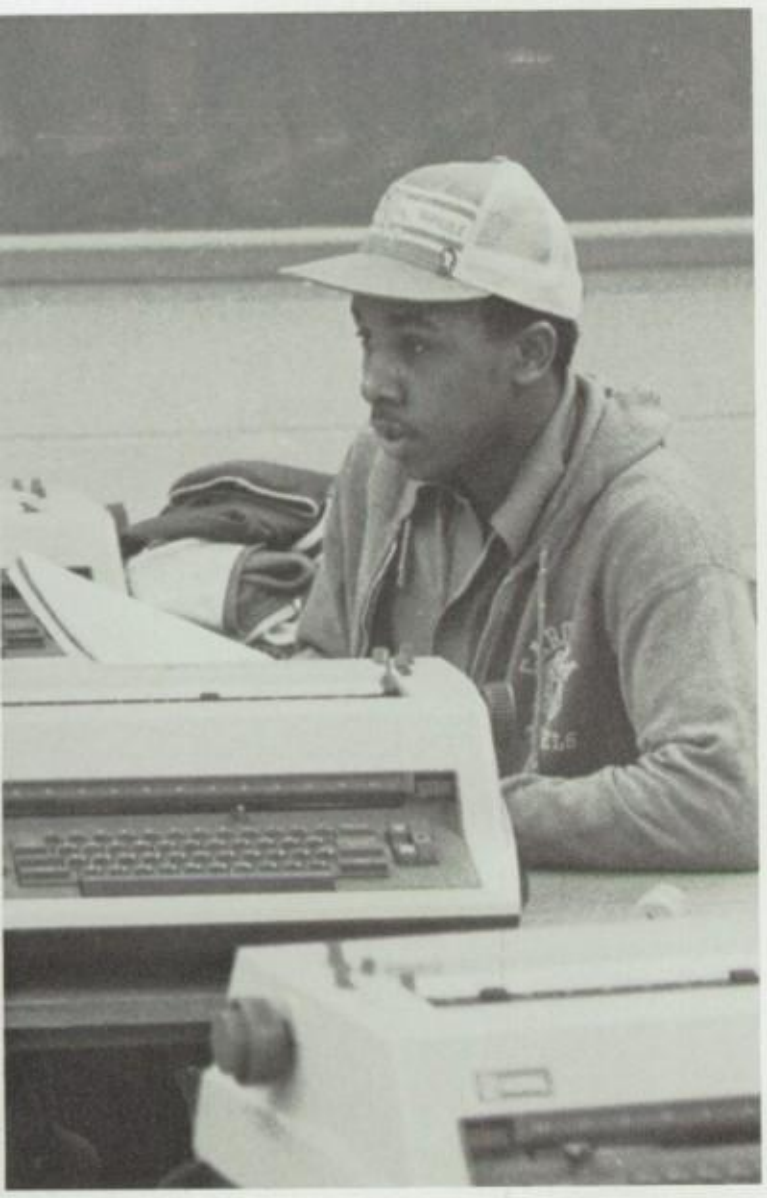
RIGHT: Bill Voight obviously believes he knows what he is doing in his Algebra II class, but from the look on Cary Bither's face, Bill must be wrong. BELOW: Allyson Perkins finds no trouble with the calculations involved in her Chemistry lab.

LEFT: Students in a Spanish II class learn their second language better by listening to tapes on earphones.

Juniors Take a Break From Their Academic Classes



ABOVE RIGHT: Tim Queen, Susan Patton, and Elaine Pentland attempt to increase their speed during Typing class. BOTTOM LEFT: Junior girls eat lunch while taking a break from their classes. BOTTOM RIGHT: After finishing lunch, Junior Donna York spends her free time in the mall.



Sophomore Class Demonstrates Leadership

The officers of the sophomore class council undertook the responsibilities of fulfilling the needs of their classmates. The six industrious and unselfish members strove to unite their class. They demonstrated their motto of "We are working hard to be the best. We will not stop until we succeed in our quest." The enthusiasm of the class council was a representation of each of the 800 members of the sophomore class.
Roster: James Exum (President), Anne Miano (Vice President), Lisa Wilber (Secretary-Treasurer), Renee Maxwell (General Member), Suzy DeLuca (General Member), Robin Walters (General Member).

LEFT: President James Exum stresses a point during a meeting. BELOW: Sophomore Class Council: Renee Maxwell, Lisa Wilber, James Exum, Suzie DeLuca, Robin Walters, Anne Miano.

Chad Abernathy
Orlando Acosta
Trari Adams

Faye Alexander
Jamie Alion
Tony Alti

Brad Altman
Janice Anderson
Tommy Anderson

Roger Privette displays his cowboy grin.

William Andre
Toni Anthony
Sanita Appling
Michele Asrael
Mary Austin
Sandra Aycock
Kevin Ayers

Ann Badal
Roland Babcock
Francina Bailey
Pam Baker
Lylvia Ballard
Leigh Bame
Juanita Barbee

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Barbara Barnette
Murray Bartlett
Angie Barton
Steven Barz
Mary Baskins

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Michelle Bryant
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Susan Burleson

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Reginald Burns
Robin Burris
Marcia Butterfield
Charles Caldwell
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Van Carpenter
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Deborah Cobb

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Edgar Dellinger
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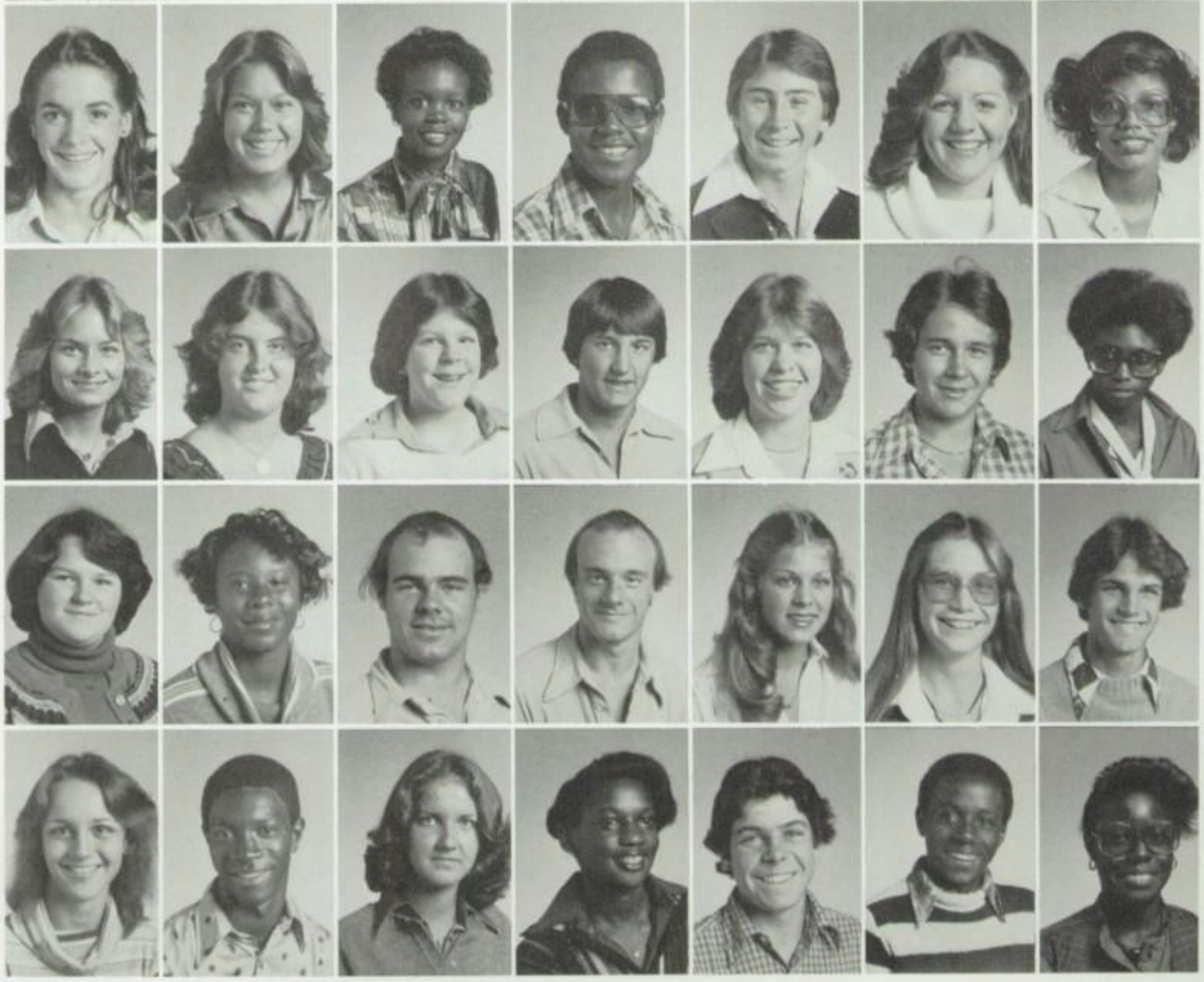

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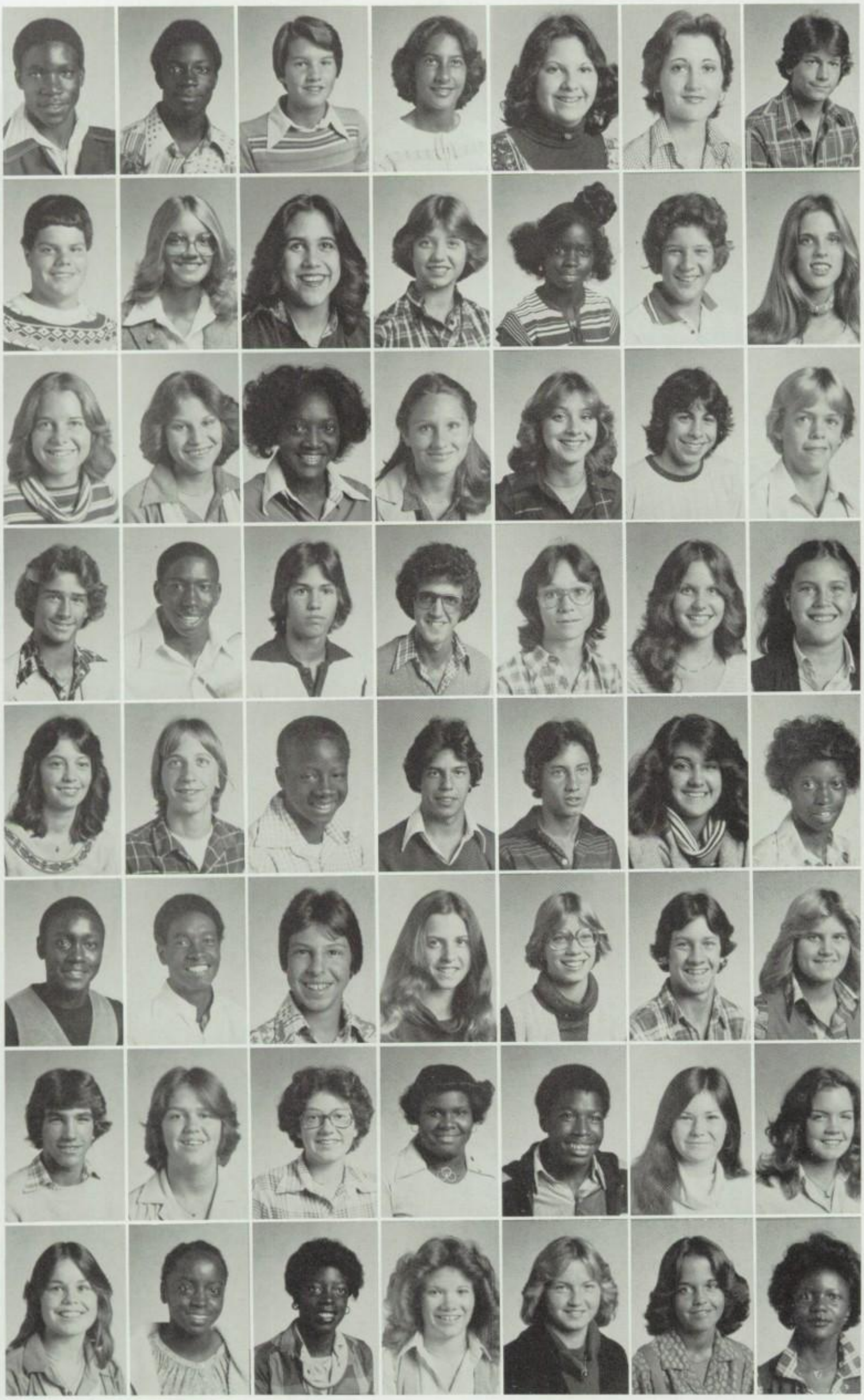

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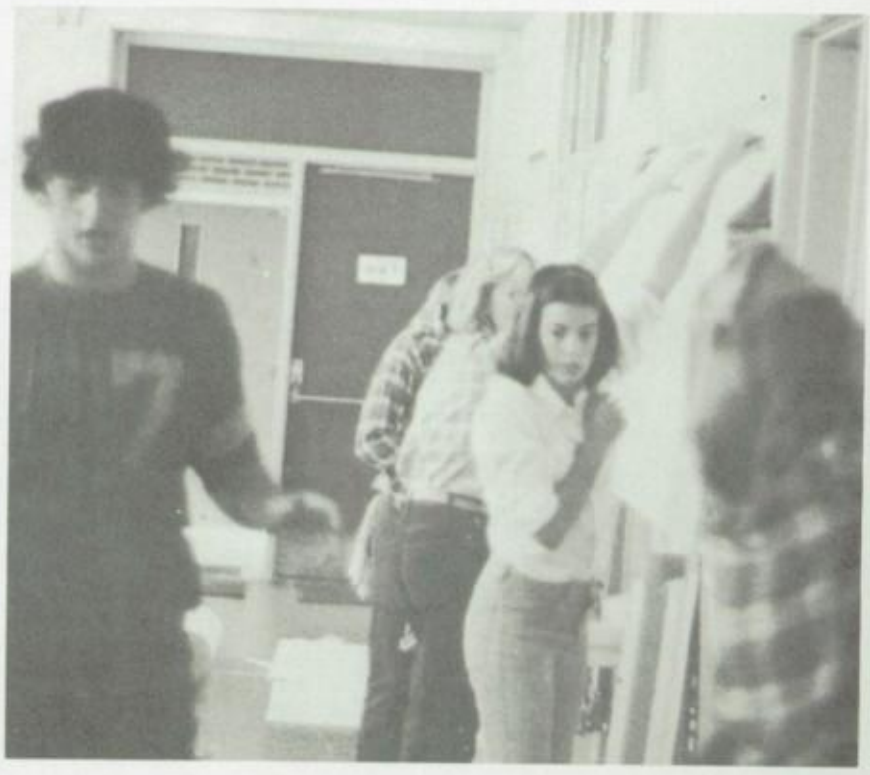

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Sharon Youngman

Karen Kephart

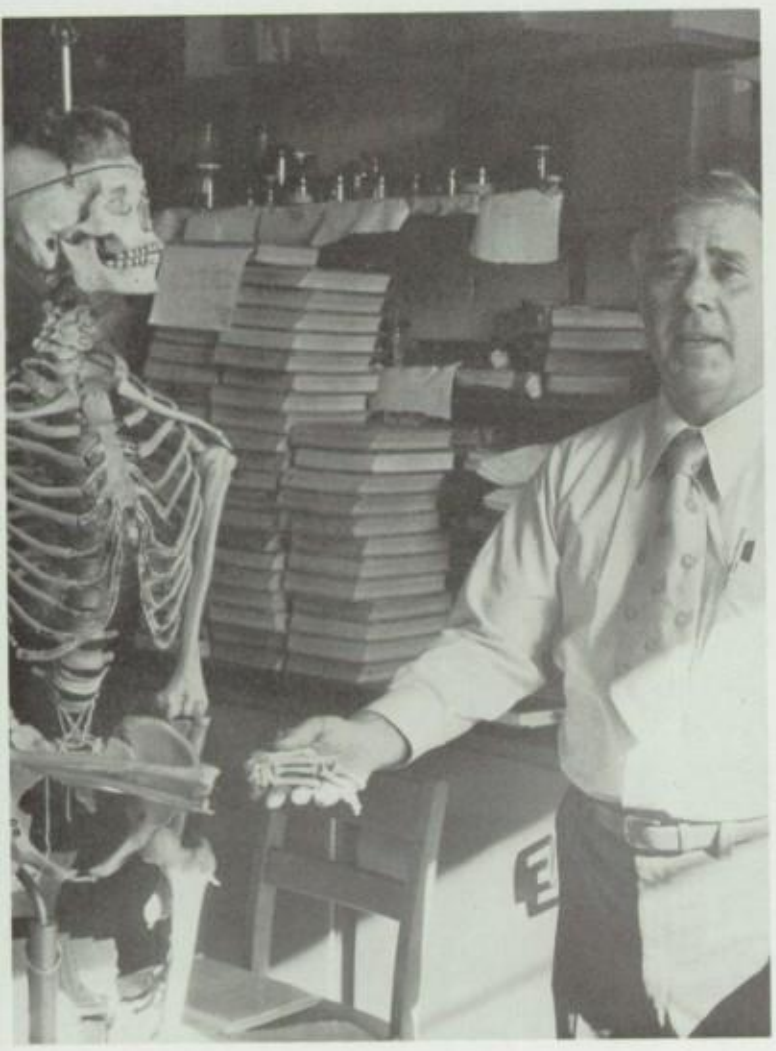
Sophomores possess special abilities and talents as demonstrated by this junior varsity football player.

A Full Schedule Is Required Of All Sophomores

During the day the average sophomore attended a variety of classes. Some high-ranking favorites were Biology, Geometry, Driver's Education, Physical Education, and English 10. The basic rule for dissections in Biology was "when in doubt, rip it out." In Geometry a sophomore became educated in the differences between such geometric figures as rectangles, parallelograms, and trapezoids. In Driver's Education he learned the correct and safe ways to maneuver an automobile. The fun part of the day centered around his Physical Education class where he participated in many sports such as speedball, tennis, football, and track. In his English class he learned how to distinguish between gerunds and participles. Plays such as *Macbeth* and other classical literature were also studied.

Aside from attending classes, the typical sophomore enjoyed participating in junior varsity athletic events and going to discos.

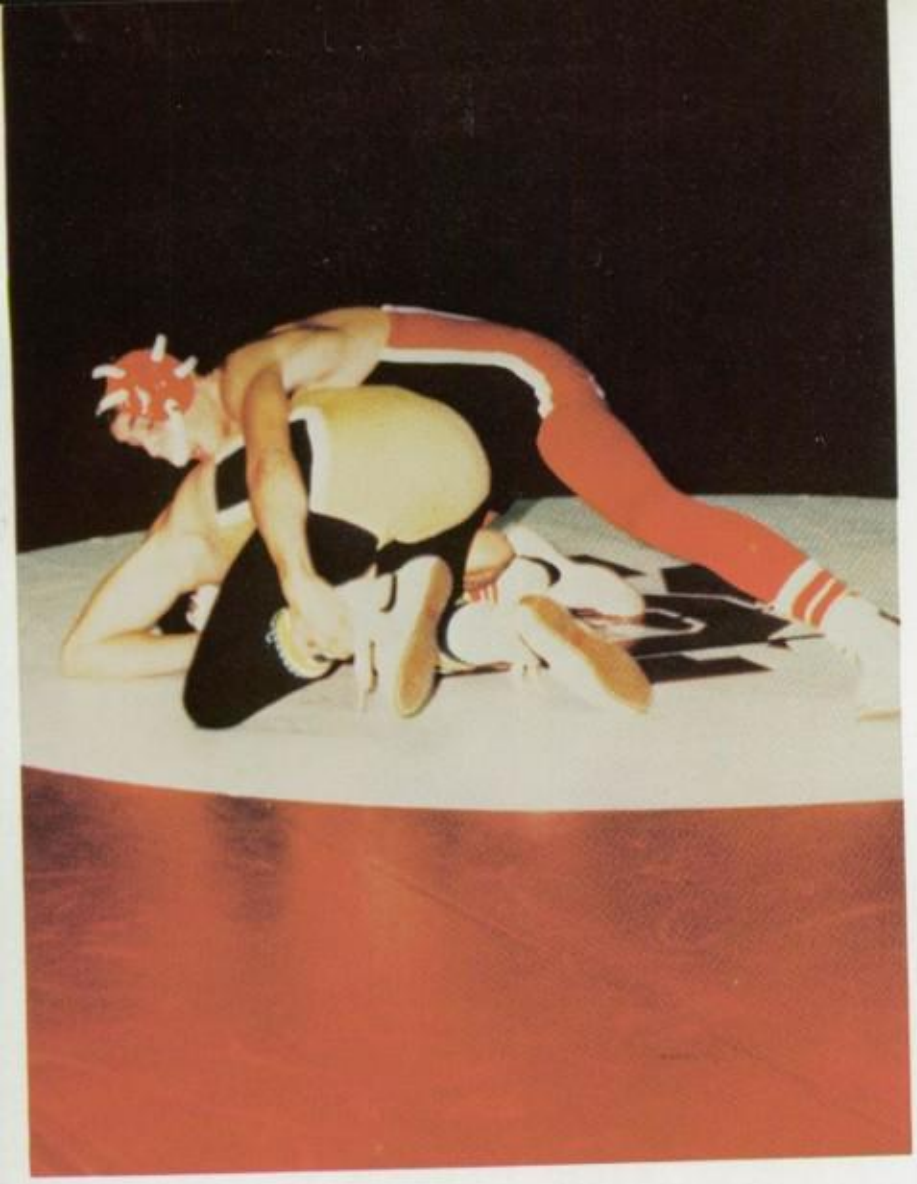
LEFT: Sophomore girls show their athletic abilities in their physical education class.



ABOVE: Cash Griffith and Butch Clinkscales use lunchtime wisely. LEFT: Mr. Leo Brevard shakes hands with an old friend.

RIGHT: Mrs. Dayvault and Anne Miano contemplate a grammar problem.

ABOVE: Andrew Bernstein pauses between classes to grab a book from his locker. BELOW: Expressed in the eyes of Angela Gates is the fear of the unknown road.



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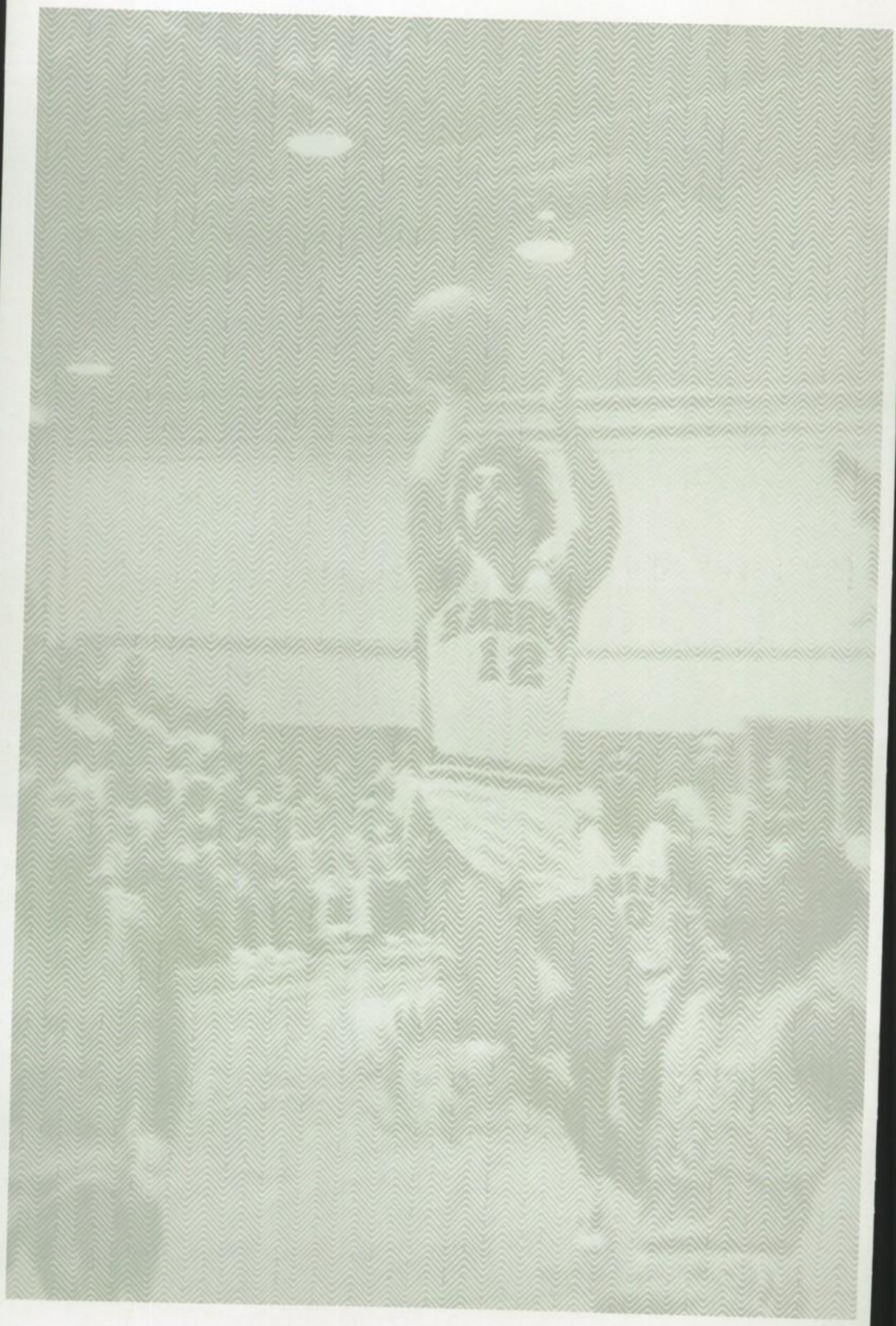
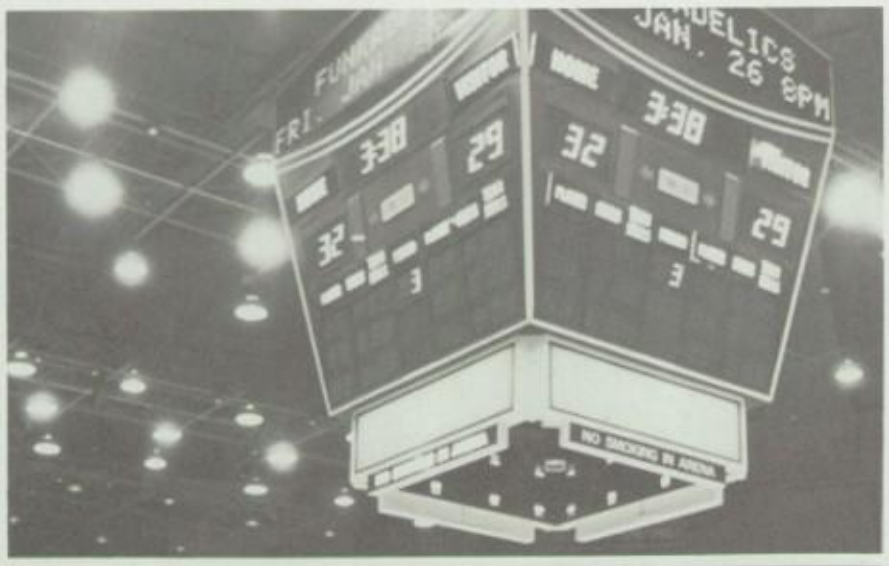


Refusal to yield to difficulties encountered in athletics results in great personal pride and future adaptability

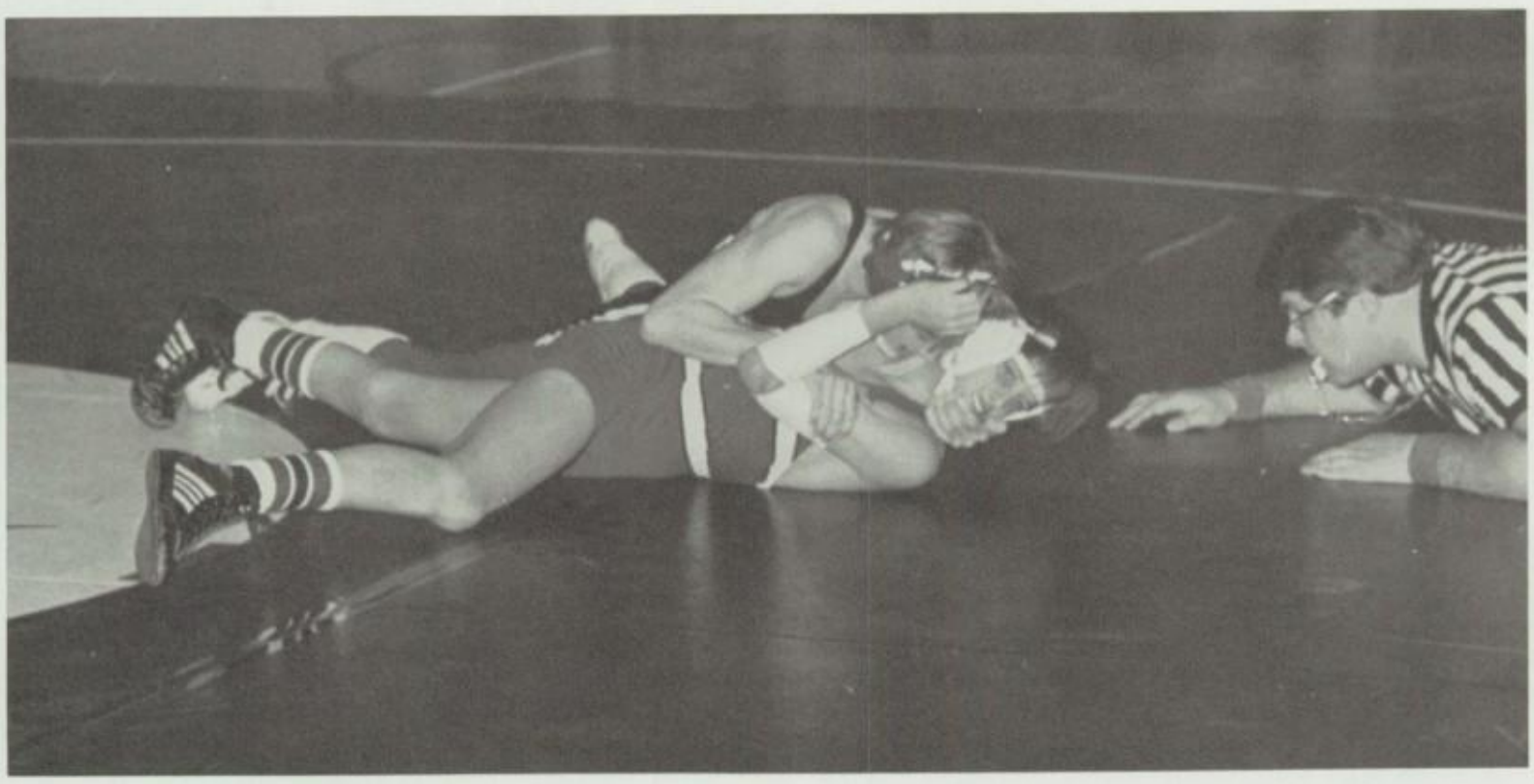
The Athletics section explores yet another facet of students' educational development at this school. Athletic participation provides much benefit to students as they refuse to yield to bodily exhaustion, and therefore become more physically fit. Refusal to yield amidst defeat also provides lasting benefits for one's total growth. The pleasure derived from good sportmanship is inferred in this section.

ATHLETICS

Outstanding Abilities Among Teams Provide Year With Numerous Highlights



ABOVE LEFT: One of the many crowd-pleasing dunks of the season, executed here by Mike Suber, helped the Sabres to a 74-52 victory over Myers Park at the first high school game ever to be played at the Coliseum. ABOVE: South delivers a crushing defeat to West Mecklenburg in a 28-0 shut-out at the Homecoming game. BELOW: Bob Brinton, a 98 pound wrestler who was named to the first All-Conference wrestling team, placed first in the sectionals, first in the regionals, and fifth in the state, helped South to win the East Mecklenburg tournament.

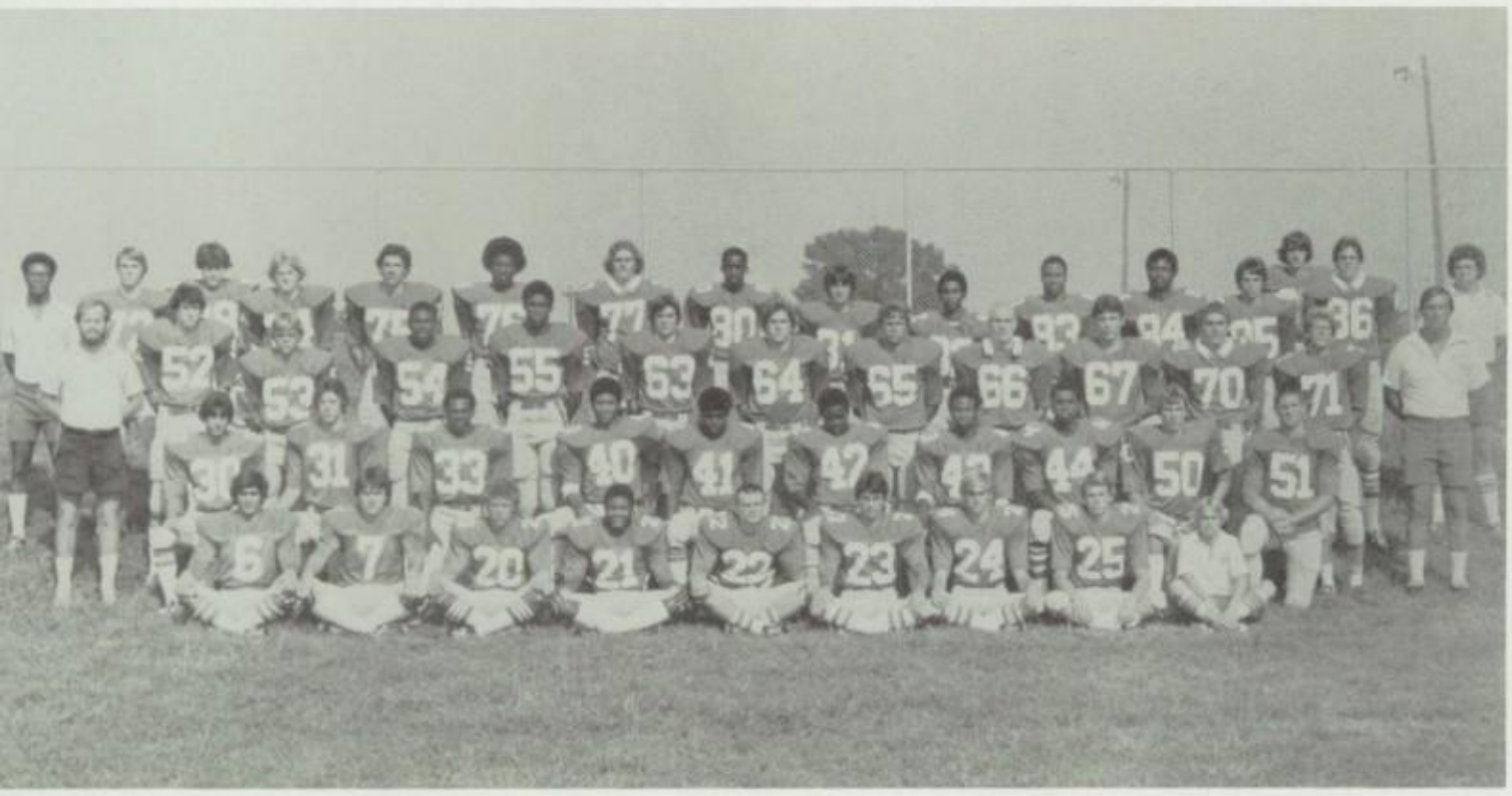


Pride Spurs Sagging Sabres To Late Season Comeback

With three losses early in the season, playoff hopes for the Sabres were diminished almost to the point of obscurity. Due to these losses, pride and self-esteem within the school and the team were dampened. However, as the season progressed, the leadership, along with a sense of pride, took on the proportions necessary to produce a winning effort. The pride keyed a second-half victory over the highly charged Garinger Homecoming cause and an astounding second-half come back over Myers Park, whom the Sabres have not defeated in varsity football in six years.

ABOVE RIGHT: Team captains from South and Garinger meet at mid-field for toss of coin. BELOW: Bodies on the field signal the end of another play.

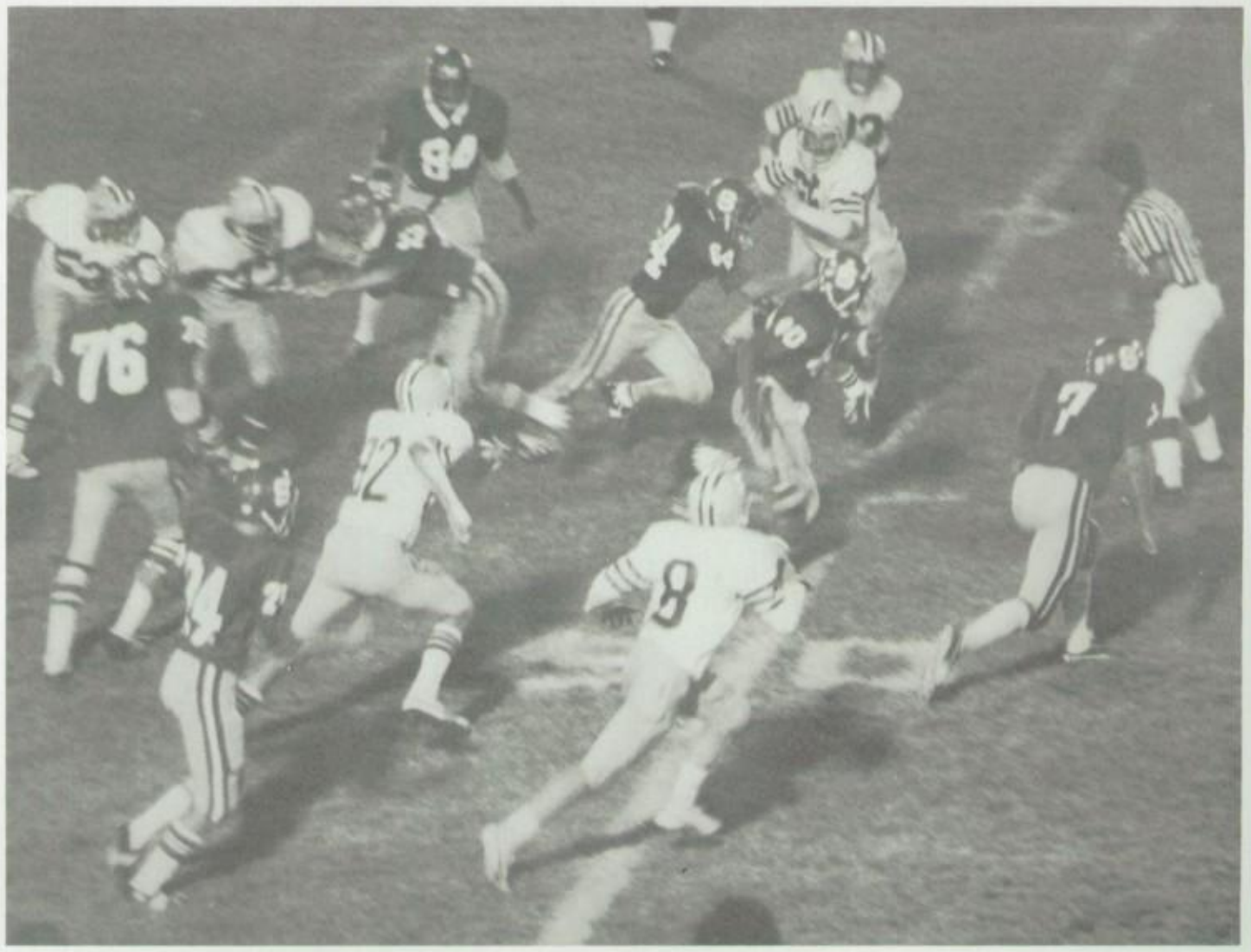
LEFT: Larry Hart shows skill while Mark Cole provides a block. BELOW LEFT: Tuggy Lambros, Scott Price, Mark Teat, Reginald Ray, Rob Craig, Kyle Scroggins, Tom McVaney, Steve Maye, Charley Caldwell. Second Row: Tom Mann, Tim Queen, Ronnie Poole, Dexter Maxwell, Alvarez Abernathy, Larry Hart, Reginald Bonaparte, Daryl Wallace, Bill Perkins, Pat Brown. Third Row: Scott Douglass, Mitch MacLaughlin, Bobby Beard, Jeff Cathey, Greg Dease, Mike Waite, Andy Tripp, Mark Boozer, Addison Kendrick, Tom Hedden, Pete Lambert, Ken Hefner, Coach Hambacher. Fourth Row: Coach Larry Potts, Charles Mackey, Ed Morris, Scott Tuttle, Brian Watterson, Mark Cole, Bryan Baker, Roy Mason, Paul McElroy, James King, Hewitt Denman, Mike Suber, Johnny Woods, Tim Hopkins, Craig Kluttz, Coach Jim Seacord.

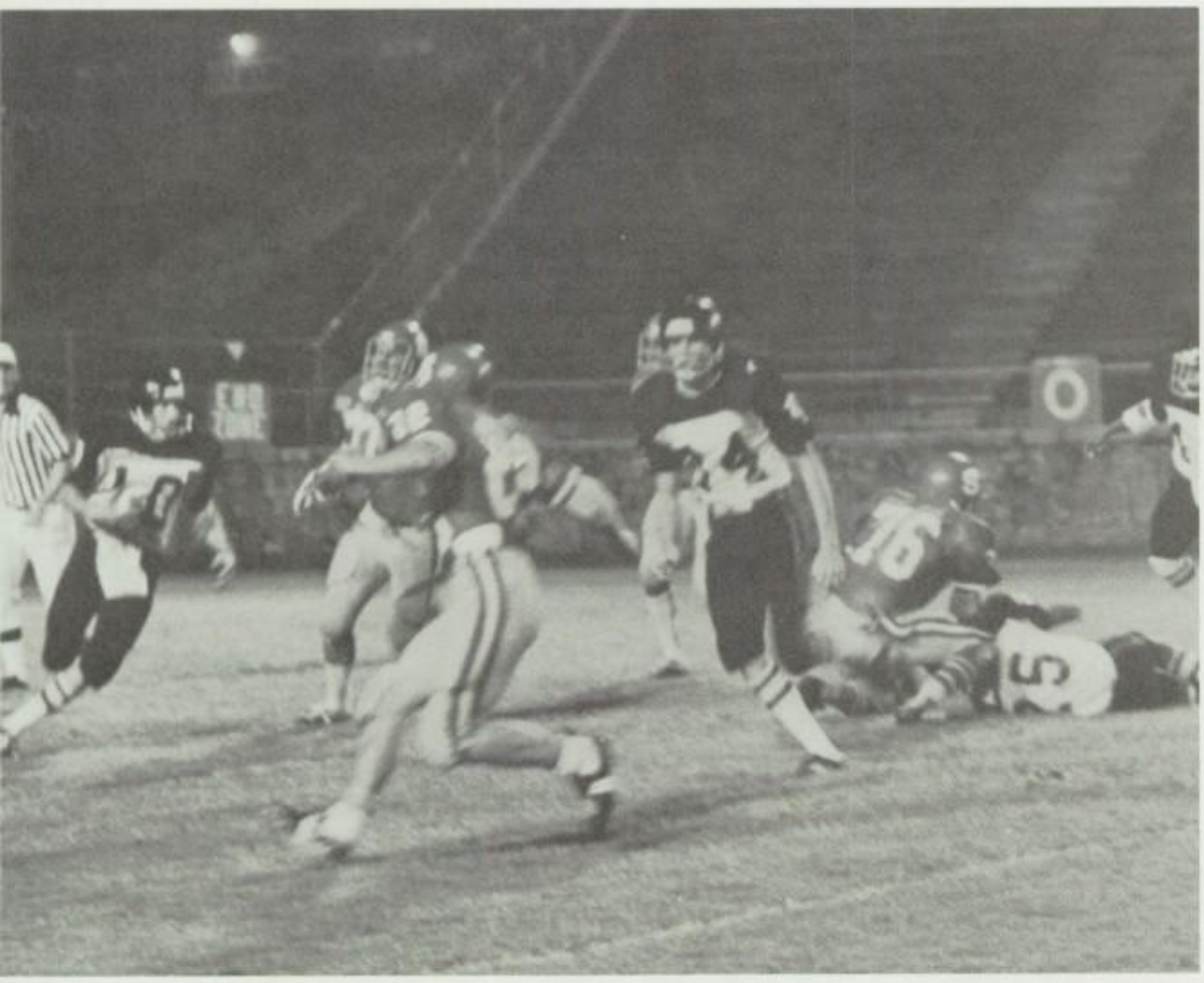


Team Draws On Diverse Talent To End Winning Season

This year's varsity football team was one of the most hoped for new experiences at South. The newly re-organized team did not let their patrons down as they turned in an excellent season of seven wins, three losses, and no ties. The season was highlighted by a twenty-eight to six Homecoming victory over West Mecklenburg and a thirty-three to seven rout of Harding. A seven to six loss to Division Champs, West Charlotte, evolved after two good field goal attempts were called back, and the third try was missed, giving the win to West Charlotte. The team's offense was led by junior quarterback, Tuggy Lambros, and the superb running game of All-County back, Dexter Maxwell. The tenacious defensive line was anchored by the talents of two All-County players, nose-guard Addison Kendrick and linebacker Alvarez Abernathy.

RIGHT: Coach Jim Hambacker explains strategy to Greg Dease. BELOW: Dexter Maxwell strives to gain yardage against stiff opposition.





LEFT: South's defense led by Rob Craig closes in on unlucky runner. BELOW: Tuggy Lambros shows determination in starting play.

Season's Victories Give J.V. Team Oustanding Finish

The junior varsity football team completed a very successful season with a record of six wins, three losses, and one tie. The two-man coaching staff, consisting of head coach Larry Lewis and coach Mike Watkins, worked out effective practice routines on both offensive and defensive plays that proved successful in developing a well-coordinated unit.

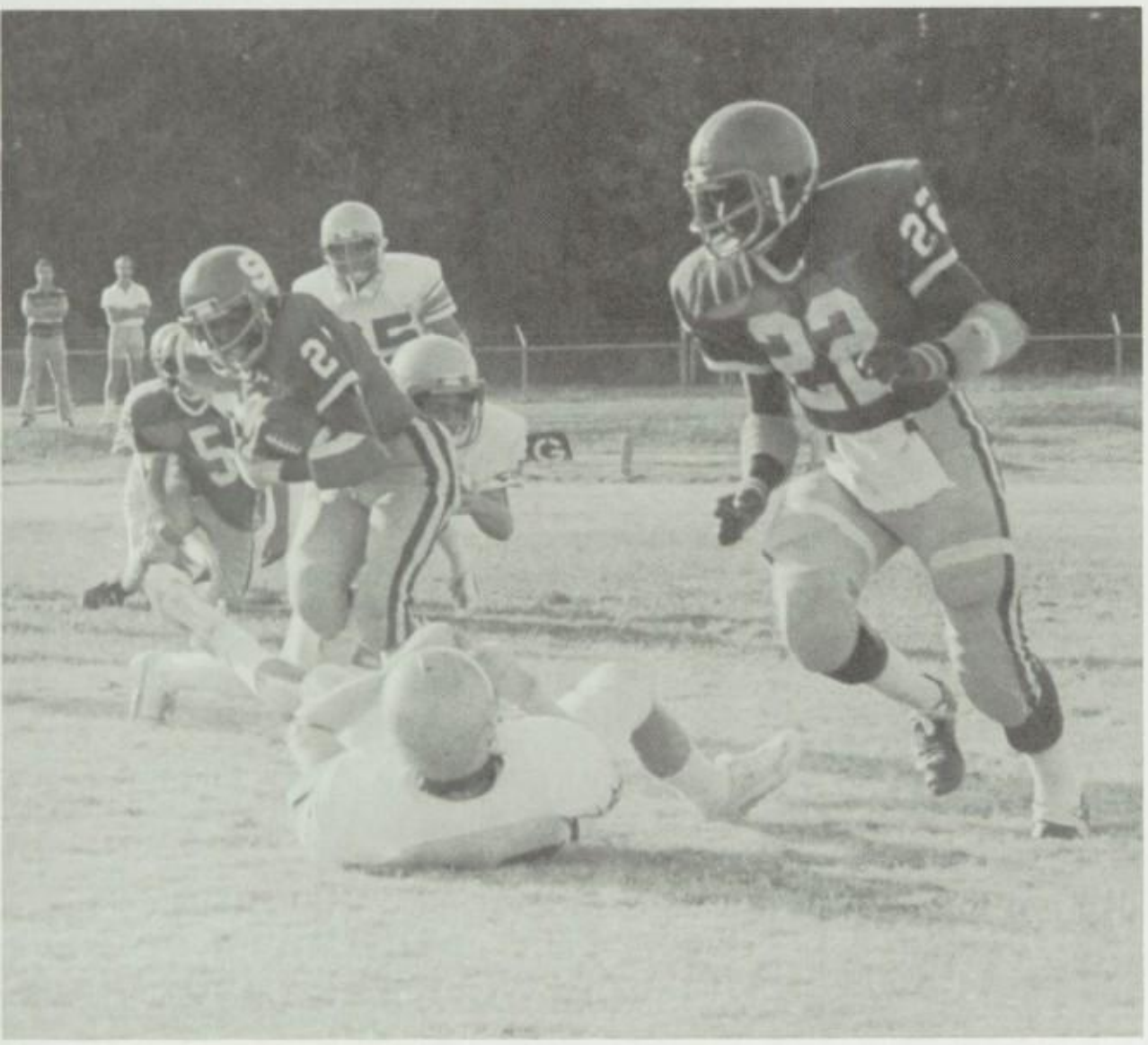
The defensive unit, better known as the "Peppermint Stick", consisted of Forrest Edge, John Ward, Andrew Bernstein, Larry Simelton, Tom Westra, Ed Boyd, and Ricky Summers, who only gave up an average of one touchdown per game. These men were also members of the offensive unit.

The first game was against Myers Park, South's biggest rival, which ended up in a tie. Mid-season play included three consecutive wins which were Olympic, East Mecklenburg, and West Charlotte. These wins were followed by two losses to West Mecklenburg and Garinger.

The last three games culminated a rewarding season from the upset of the previously undefeated Independence Patriots by a score of twenty to six. In the last game, the Sabres shut-out the Mustangs by a score of twenty-one to zero.

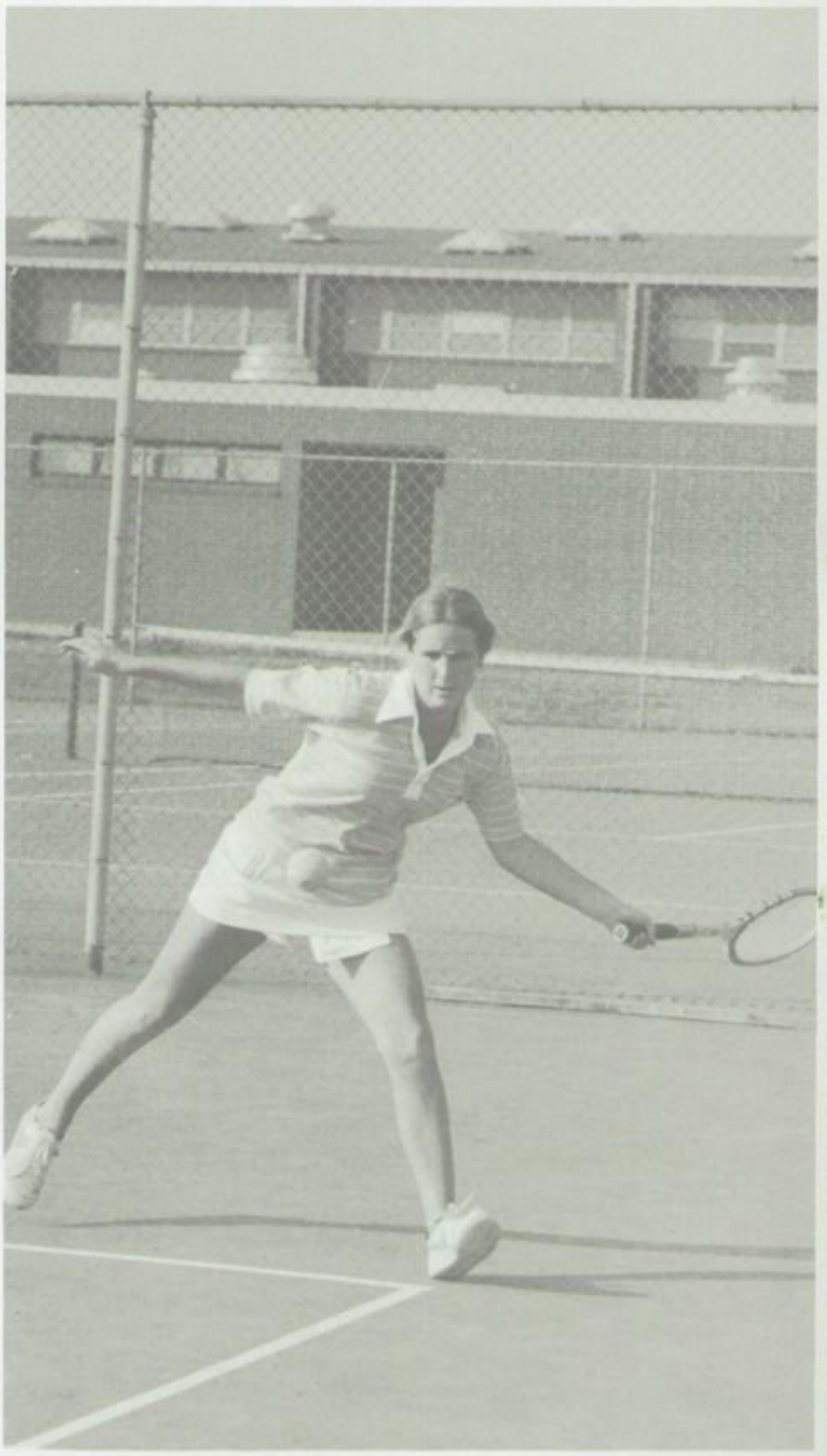
These players learned the skills and gained experience that is needed to help form the future varsity team.

RIGHT: William Potts receives kick off and strives to gain yardage. BELOW: Back-up quarterback Rick Summers options his way to handily defeat opponent West Charlotte.



ABOVE: Bottom row: Jesse Howard, Andrew Bernstein, David Lowder, Ed Boyd, John Ward, Sydney Lewis, Jeff Young. Second Row: Tom Westra, Ricky James, Jerry Caldwell, William Potts, Ricky Summers, Chuck Wingo, Franklin Wolf, Sam Williams, Jay Brigel, Jeff Fandel. Third row: Coach Larry Lewis, David Imschweiler, Willie Simpson, Lee Hollis, Blake Tripp, Brian Chaney, Kevin Toth, Dean Forbis, Roderick Johnson, Kevin Scroggins, Coach Mike Watkins. Fourth row: Larry Similton, Colman King, Mark Whelchel, Michael Bethea, Forrest Edge. LEFT: William Potts breaks tackle with Franklin Wolf's lead blocking.

ABOVE: Karen Myers and Katherine Crowley shape opponents hands after a doubles match against Harding. BELOW RIGHT: Anna Hoey returns the service to her opponent. BELOW: Amy Barnette demonstrates her concentration during her service.



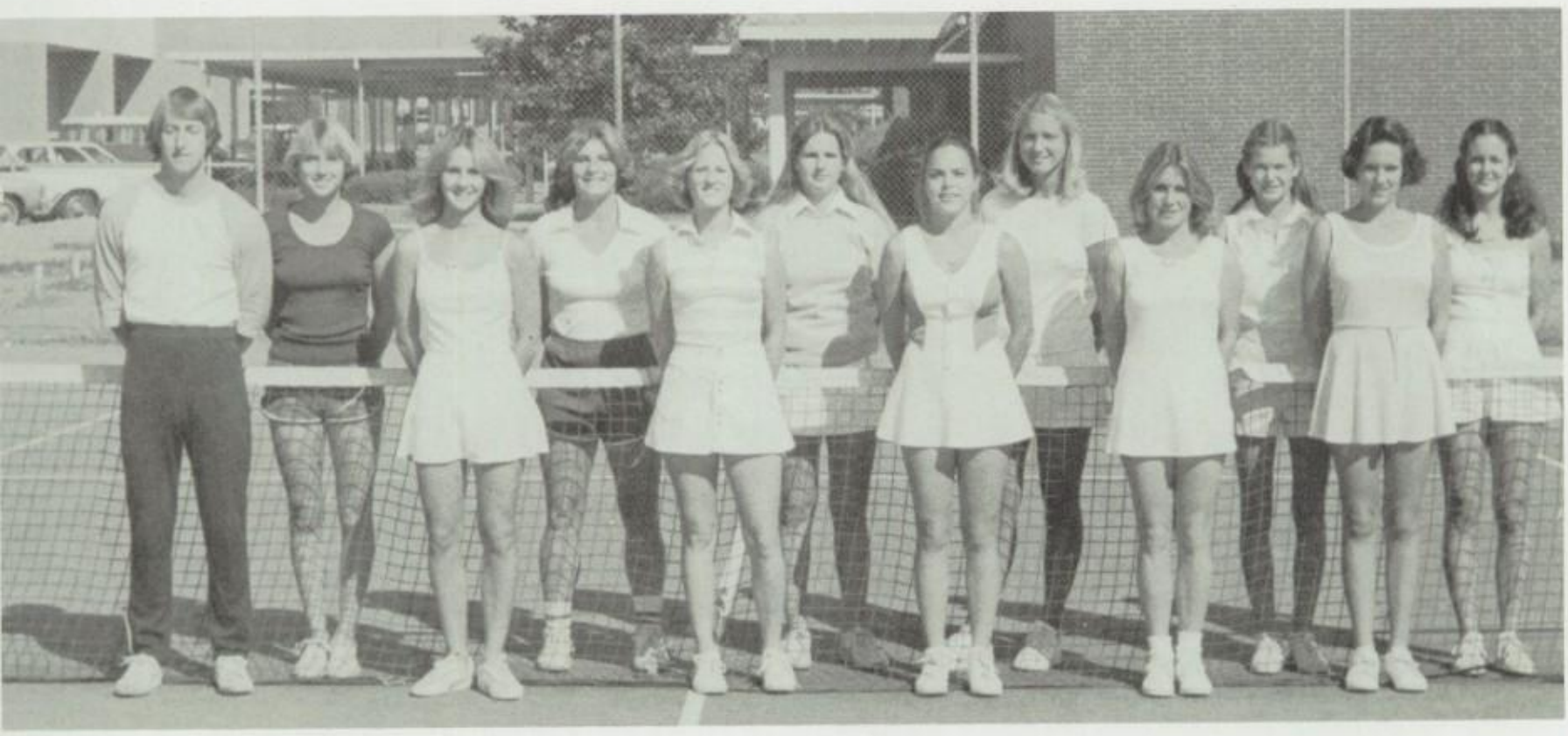
State Title Hopes Eliminated by Close Losses

The girls' tennis team had a downfall early in the season losing to Myers Park in their first match. This was a surprising loss considering the team only lost two players out their line-up from last year. Determiniation and pride from the players resulted in a quick recovery to defeat North Mecklenburg and Olympic. A close loss to East Mecklenburg by the score of six to three made the team come back and win all the remaining matches of the season.

The team won the sectional tournament with an overall score of forty-nine points where as the runner-up team only had twenty-seven. They advanced to the regionals held in Morganton, North Carolina, and captured that title by defeating Page High School of Greensboro by a score of eleven points. Due to the extremely tough competition, the team fell to three teams which resulted in a fourth place finish in the state.

The team consisted of two seniors, six juniors, and two sophomores which will aid the effort for next year's team.

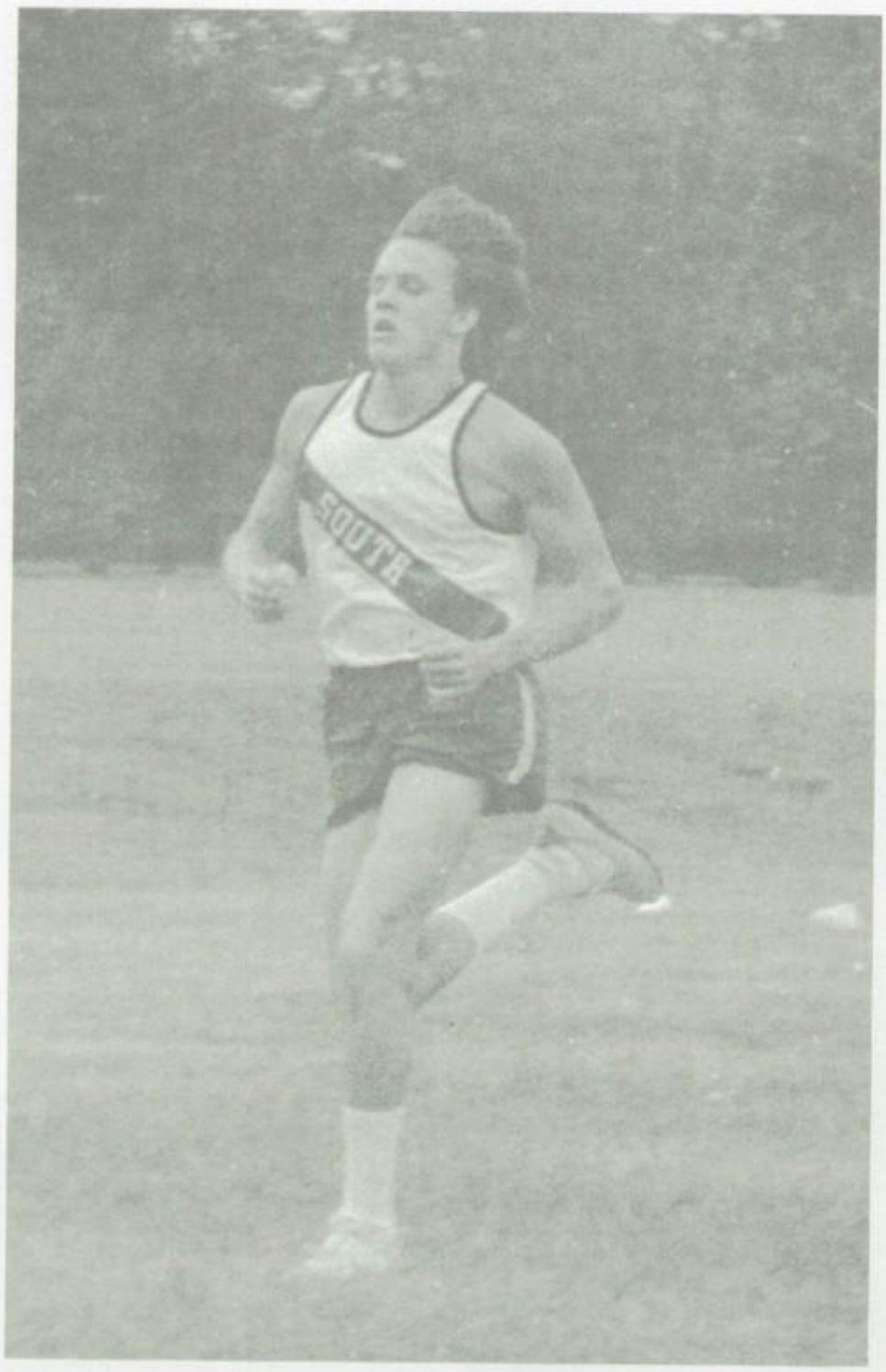
LEFT: Laura Clauser shows determination as she serves to her opponent. BELOW: Coach Steve Blanton, Liz Homeyer, Kathy Mardirosian, Lee Goldberg, Terri Edwards, Anna Hoey, Kathy Maples, Karen Meyer, Kathern Crowley, Laura Clauser, Susan Alden, Amy Barnette.



Strong Runners Contribute To A Winning Season

The cross country team displayed considerable talent by completing a successful season. They placed fifth at the Davidson College Invitational Meet with 102 points and placed fourth in the conference meet. In one of their first meets, they came in first by defeating Harding, Garinger, and North. They defeated several other good teams this year and boasted a record of twelve wins and eight losses in the regular season.

The whole team put forth much effort and there were several outstanding runners. Gene Lookabill placed ninth in the conference meet and showed a great amount of ability throughout the year. Joe Burns was our number one runner and placed second in the conference meet. Jeff Compton and Doug McNairy were also two outstanding runners. Joe Burns and Gene Lookabill were elected to the All Conference Team.



LEFT: Joe Burns, the Most Valuable Runner, strives for a victory. BELOW: Sophomore Gene Lookabill steadily paces himself to excel in meet.

ABOVE LEFT: Mark Katibah's smile expresses his joy of running. ABOVE: Jeff Compton concentrates on a strong finish. BELOW: Front Row: Tom Turpin, Lee Templeton, Bill Crann, Joe Burns, Jeff Compton, Mark Katibah, Johnny Beckham, Steven Templeton, David Darnell. Back Row: Doug McNairy, Allison Perkins, Glen Hoppe, Gene Lookabill, Robbie Chives, Doug Turpin, Rick Owen, Coach Drum.

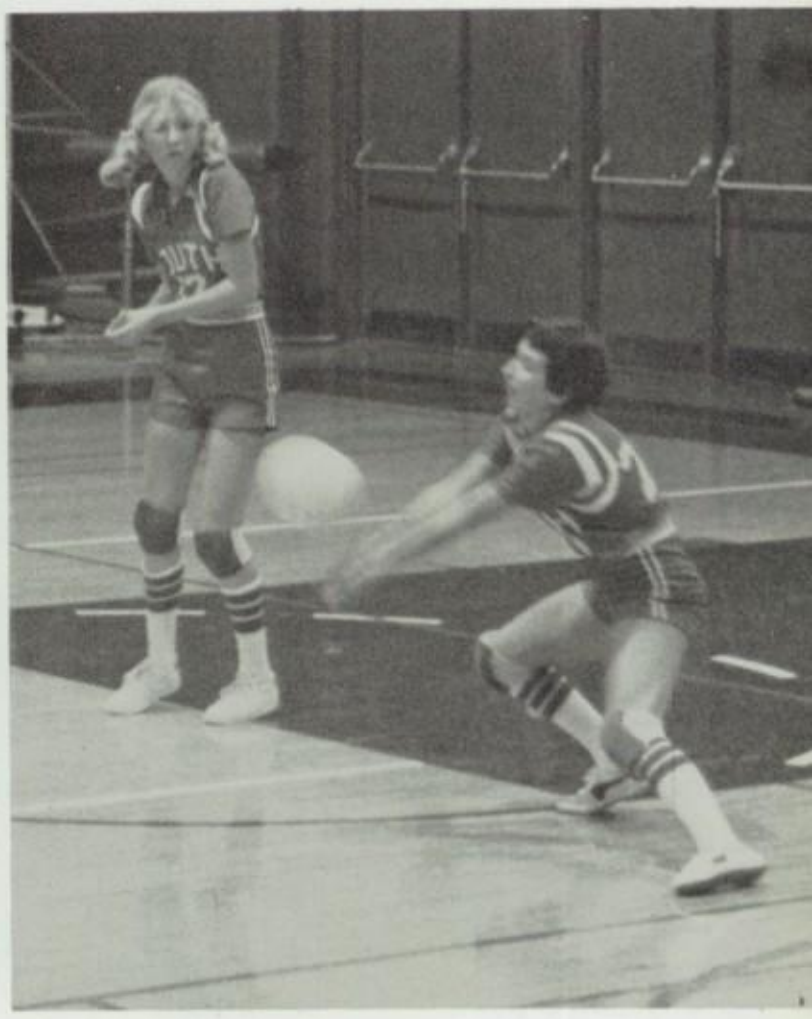
ABOVE RIGHT: Tracy Williams tries for a difficult point, while the rest of the squad watches. ABOVE: Patti Bostedo shows perfect form in a set-up as Caren Champion prepares to spike the ball. BELOW: Pandora Reed prepares a set-up.

Girl's Volleyball Team Wins Conference Tournament

The girl's volleyball team ended an exceptionally winning season, with a good solid record. During the regular season they never lost to the same team twice, and in the second round of the season, they defeated Myers Park and Harding who were the two top teams in the conference. They quenched the conference tournament by defeating Myers Park and Harding.

This year's squad, lead by captain Patti Bostedo and co-captains Marcy McClanhan and Pandora Reed, did extremely well considering many of the players had not played on a volleyball team before. The starters were Caren Champion, Marcy McClanhan, Maria Hahn, Pandora Reed, Tracy Williams and Patti Bostedo. Patti Bostedo, the Most Valuable Player on the team, was named to the All Conference Team and led the team in scoring with 150 points. Marcy McClanhan and Maria Hahn were awarded the Most Improved Players.

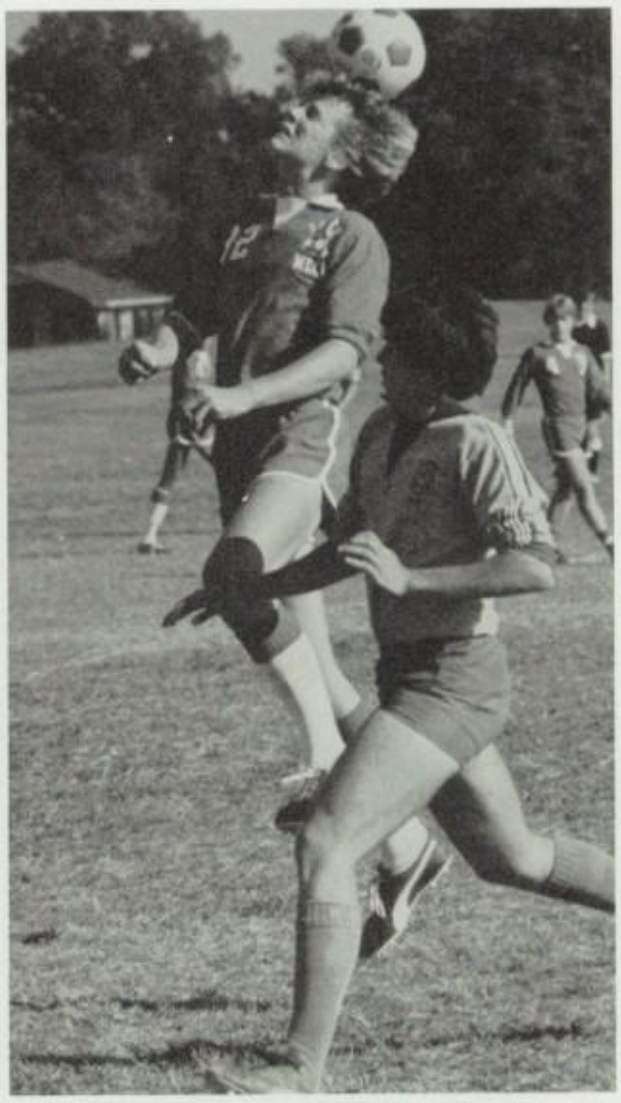
ABOVE LEFT: Maria Hahn jumps high to reach the ball, while Marcy McClanahan stands ready. LEFT: Front Row: Tracy Williams, Patti Bostedo, Marcy McClanahan. Back Row: Pam Pompey, Maria Hahn, Leslie Saunders, Caren Champion, Jill Johnson, Denise Kilpatrick, Coach Barentine. BELOW: Patti Bostedo returns a serve as Caren Champion gets in position.



Outstanding Team Places Second In Conference

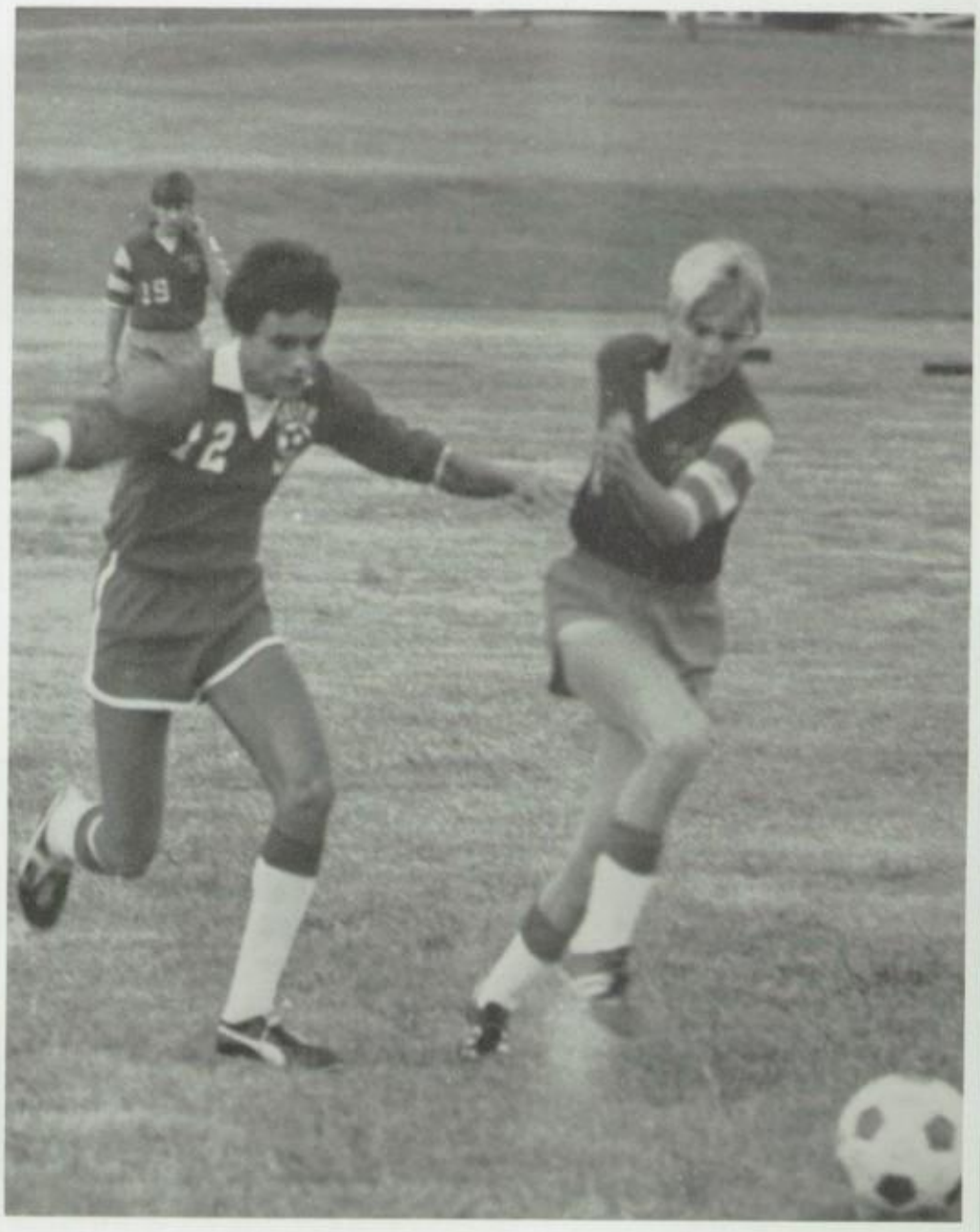
The soccer team had a very impressive season this year with seven wins, one loss, and two ties. This record placed them second in the conference, tied with Myers Park. In conference play during the season South out-scored their opponents thirty-six to eleven. Again this year Coach Baldwin led the team with the help of captains Matthew Ahrendt, Mike Samann, and Bob Mitcheltree. A strong offense consisting of Andy Hitchcock, Bob Mitcheltree, Holger Ebert, Mark Brayford, Ruben Toral scored a total of thirty-two goals. Supporting the offense at the halfback position were Matthew Ahrendt, Sean Crowley, and Mike Samann. The half backs had the difficult job of playing both offense and defense. For the second year in a row Junior Roger Burgess led the defense as goalie, allowing only twenty-two goals in fifteen games. In the fullback position Matt Gruebmeyer led the fullbacks by playing in all fifteen games. He was ably supported by Mike Broome, and Mal McLean.

RIGHT: Matthew Ahrendt heads the ball over opponent. BELOW RIGHT: Ruben Toral maneuvers the ball away from an Independence player. BELOW LEFT: Coach Baldwin intently watches a game.



LEFT: Bob Mitcheltree dribbles the ball. ABOVE: Mark Brayford heads the ball over an Olympic player. BELOW: First row: Matthew Ahrendt, Mike Samann, Bob Mitcheltree. Second row: Tom Miralia, Bill Voight, Mike Hardegree, Jim Curlin, Stamp Walden, Ruben Toral, Juan Velasquez, Kevin Ayers, Alan Gillespie, Stan Winstead, Randy Borgnis, Tommy Warley, Andy Flint, Mike Riley, Jay Klutts. Third row: Coach Dennis Baldwin, Brian Costa, Tim Walker, Jim McNairy, Matt Gruebmeyer, Holger Ebert, Mike Broome, Tom Loftus, Doug Hudson, Paul Warley, Dean Stockton, Kelly Stimart, David Lees, David Isenhour, Brad Guerrant, Mark Brayford, Roger Burgess, Assistant Coach Mark Nixon.

ABOVE: All-County player Mike Samann outmaneuvers defending player. BELOW: Matt Gruebmeyer moves ball downfield toward his teammates. BELOW RIGHT: Holger Ebert and opponent race to gain control of ball.



Abilities In All Areas Make Well-Rounded Team

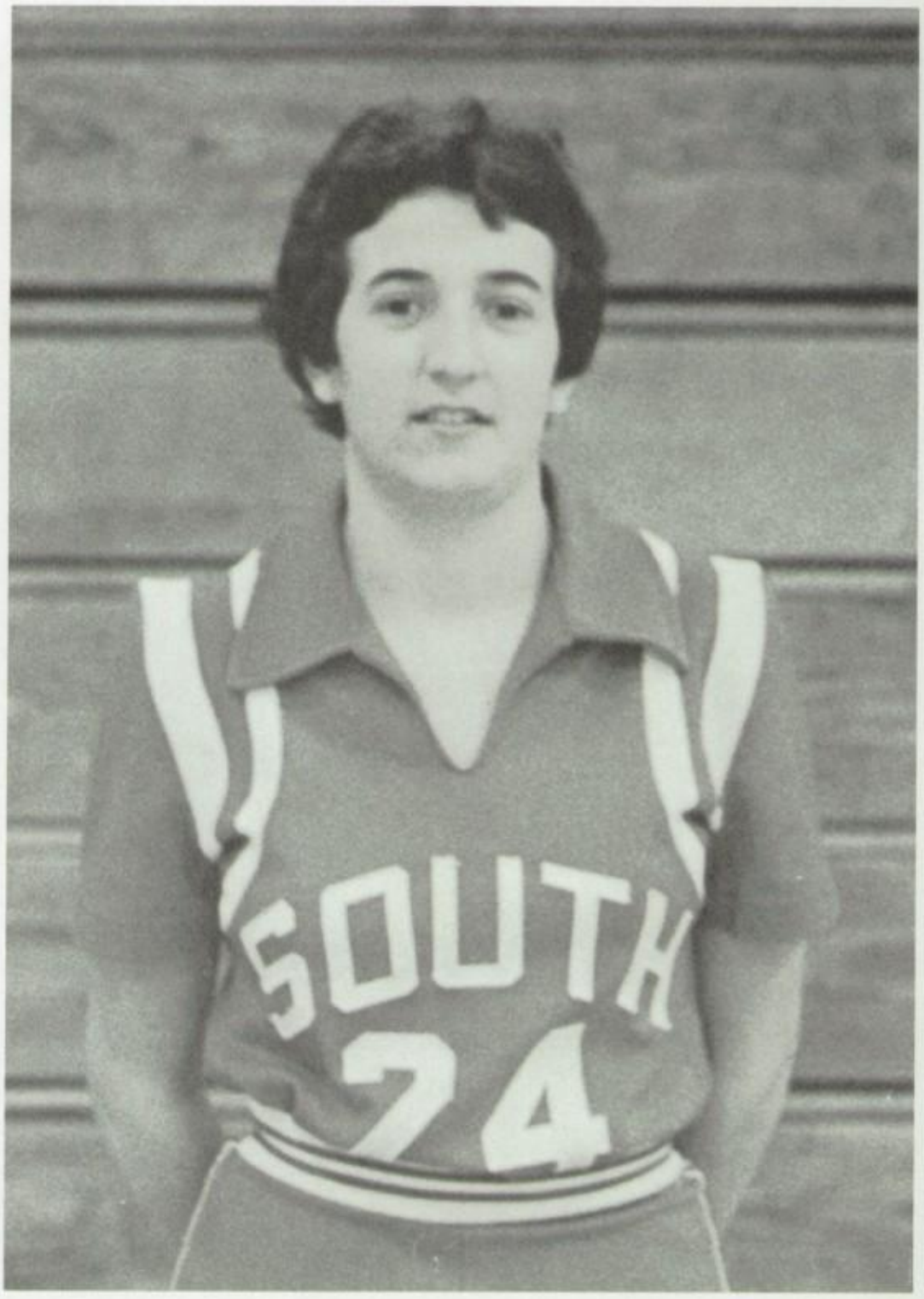
After a slow start in four non-conference games, South dominated conference play by winning the next seven out of nine conference games. South's best games were a six to zero victory over Harding, a six to one defeat of North Mecklenburg, and four to zero defeats of Garinger and West Charlotte. The only defeat for South was a close two to one loss to county champions East Mecklenburg. South could not have put this outstanding record together without the help of substitutes Doug Hudson, Tom Brangle, Andy Flint, and Dean Stockton, who backed up the starting line-up all season. At the end of the season Bob Mitcheltree and Mike Samann were selected to the All-Conference team.

ABOVE: Sean Crowley strives to give team edge for victory. BELOW LEFT: South players get in scramble for control of ball. BELOW: Roger Burgess shuts out ball to protect goal.

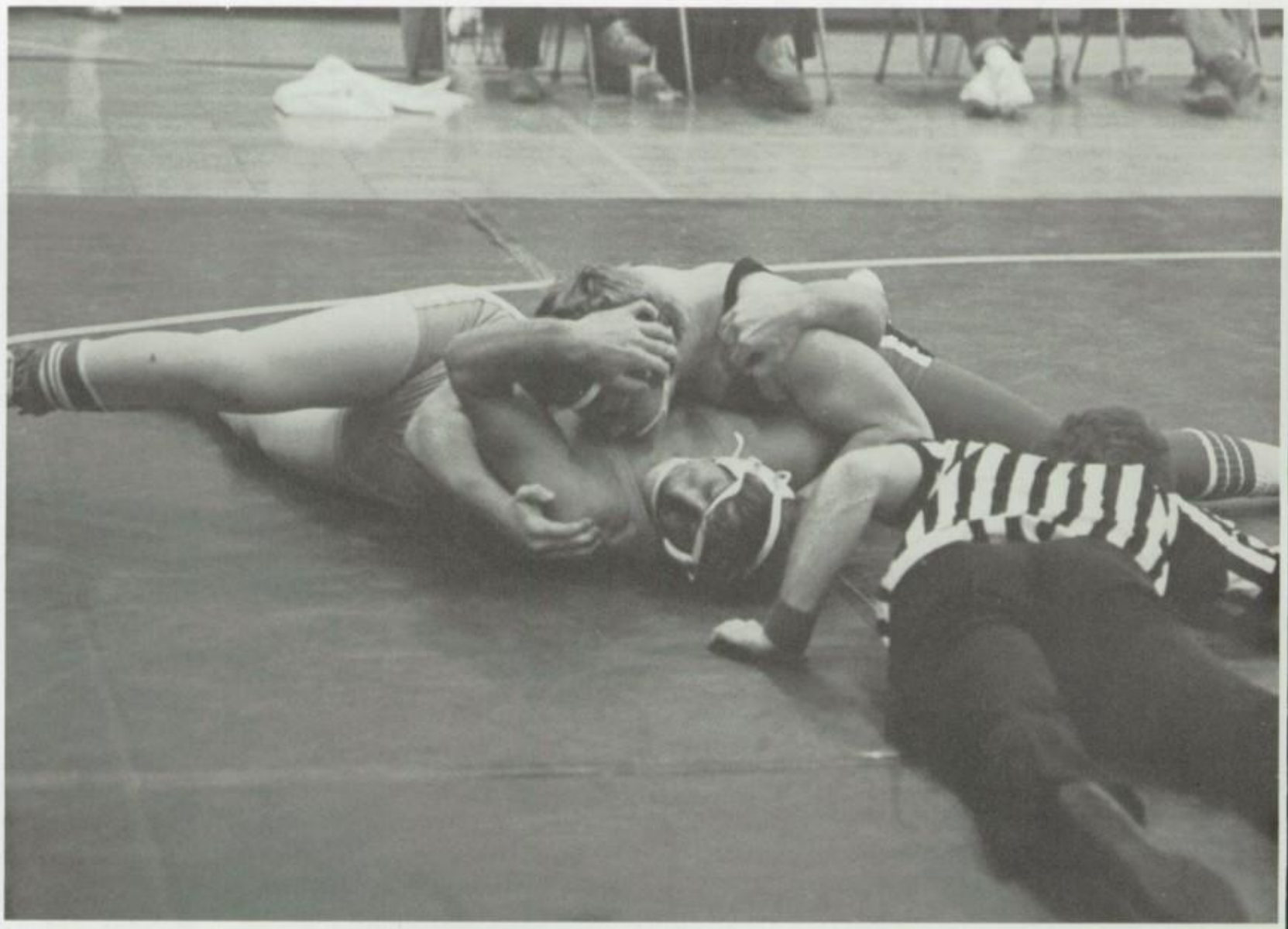
Students Are Awarded at Annual Banquet

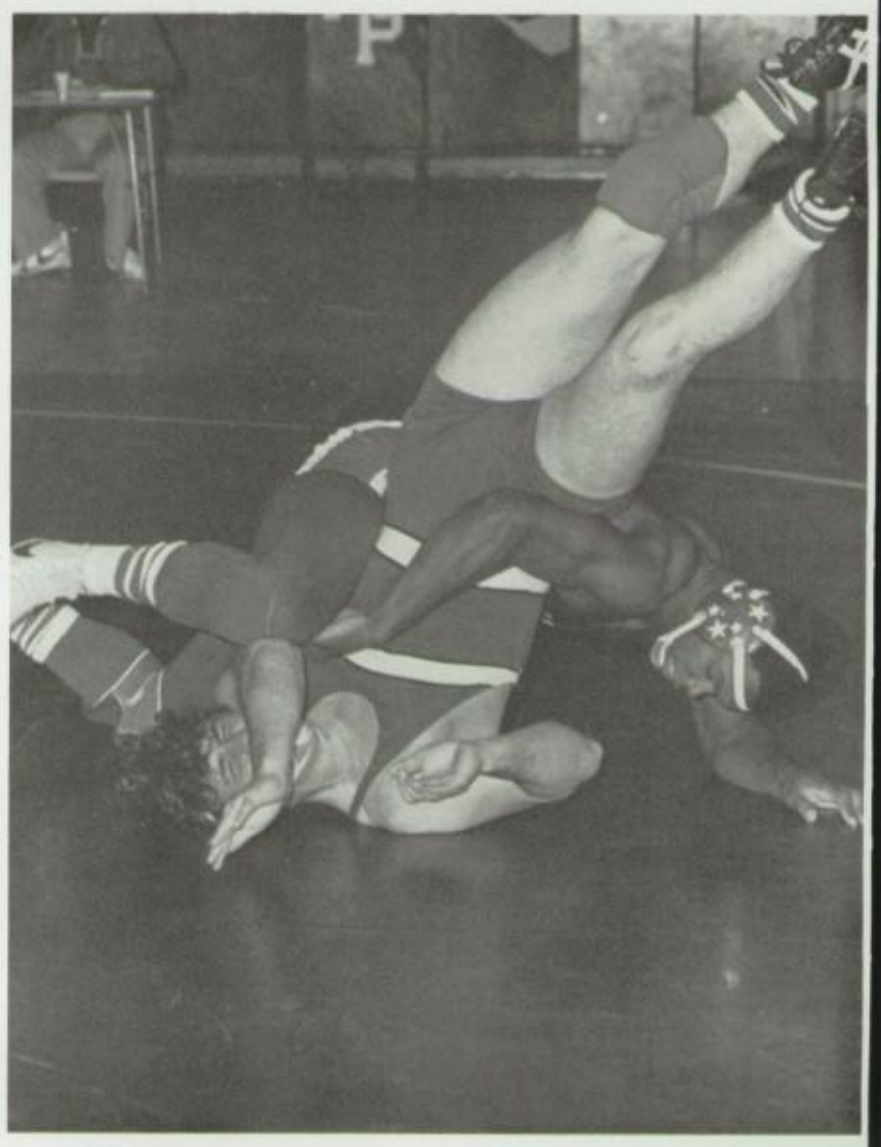
This year's fall sports awards banquet was held to recognize individual performance among team players. Coaches, students, and their parents ate dinner in the old cafeteria and proceeded to the auditorium for the Awards Program. The Awards Program was held to honor students in different fall sports. Several students received awards in each sport for the Most Improved Player and the Most Valuable Player. The idea of awarding individuals for outstanding talent and participation boosted family and personal pride.

ABOVE: Patti Bostedo, captain of the girl's volleyball team, was awarded Most Valuable Player for scoring the most points during the season. BELOW: Mike Samann, an exchange student from Germany, received the award for Most Valuable Back, Sean Crowley earned the Most Improved soccer award by his hard work and determination, and Bobby Mitcheltree won the award for Most Valuable Player because of his devotion and excellent ability to play soccer.

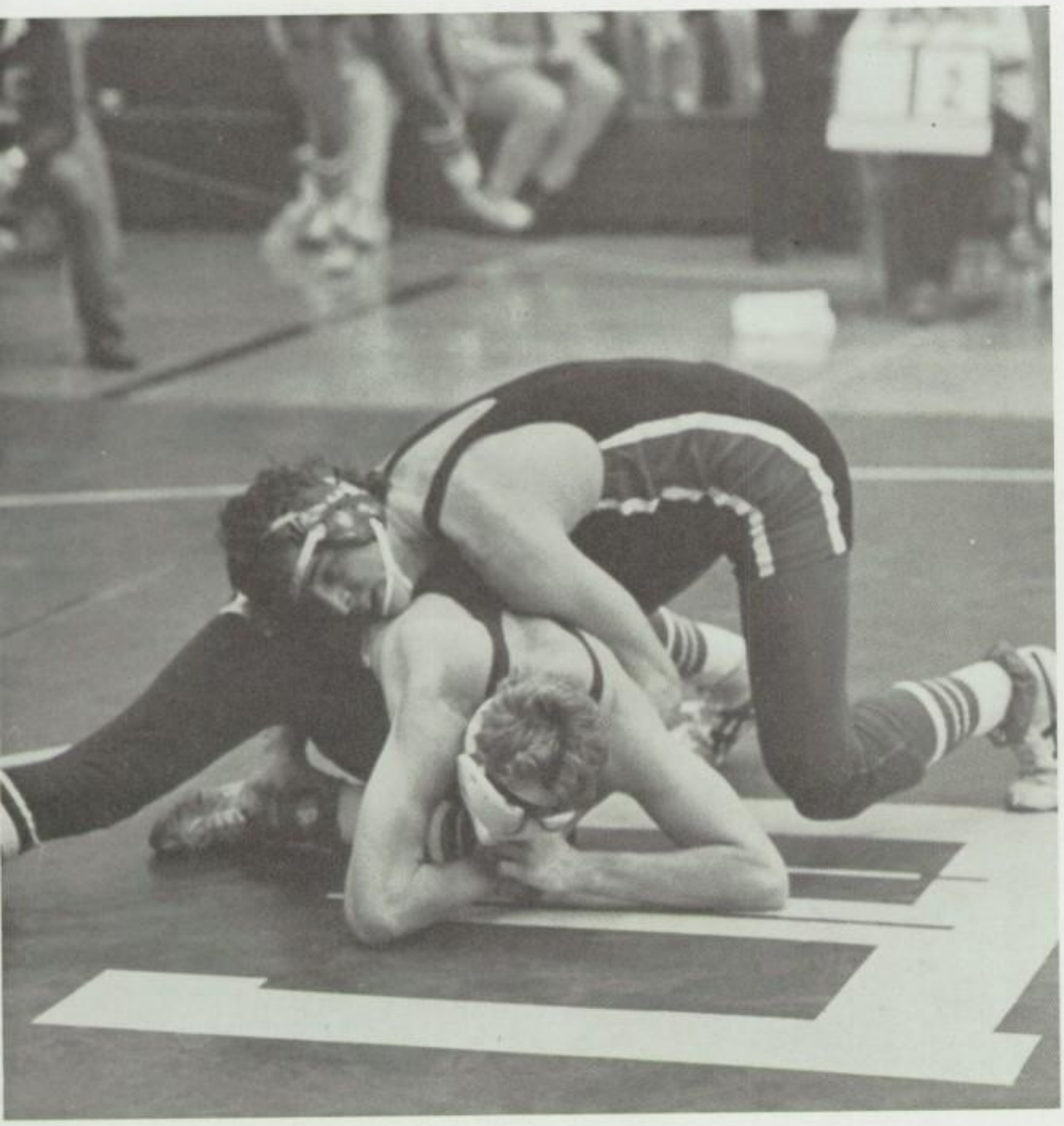


TOP LEFT: Amy Barnett, a talented participant in the sport of tennis, receives the Most Valuable Player Award. TOP: Joe Burns, a senior track star, wins the award for Most Valuable Runner. BELOW: Dexter Maxwell wins the award for Most Valuable Offensive Back, Alvarez Abernathy wins the award for Most Valuable Defensive Back, Greg Deas wins the award for Most Inspirational Player, Bryan Baker wins the award for Most Valuable Offensive Lineman, and Addison Kendrick (Not Pictured) wins the award for Most Valuable Defensive Lineman.





TOP: Pat Brown uses his strength and control to overcome opponent from Myers Park. ABOVE: Tim Griner, who wrestled in the 112 pound weight group, attempts to pin opponent. RIGHT: Leroy Alexander pulls his opposition down to the mat.



South Wrestling Team Pins Good Season

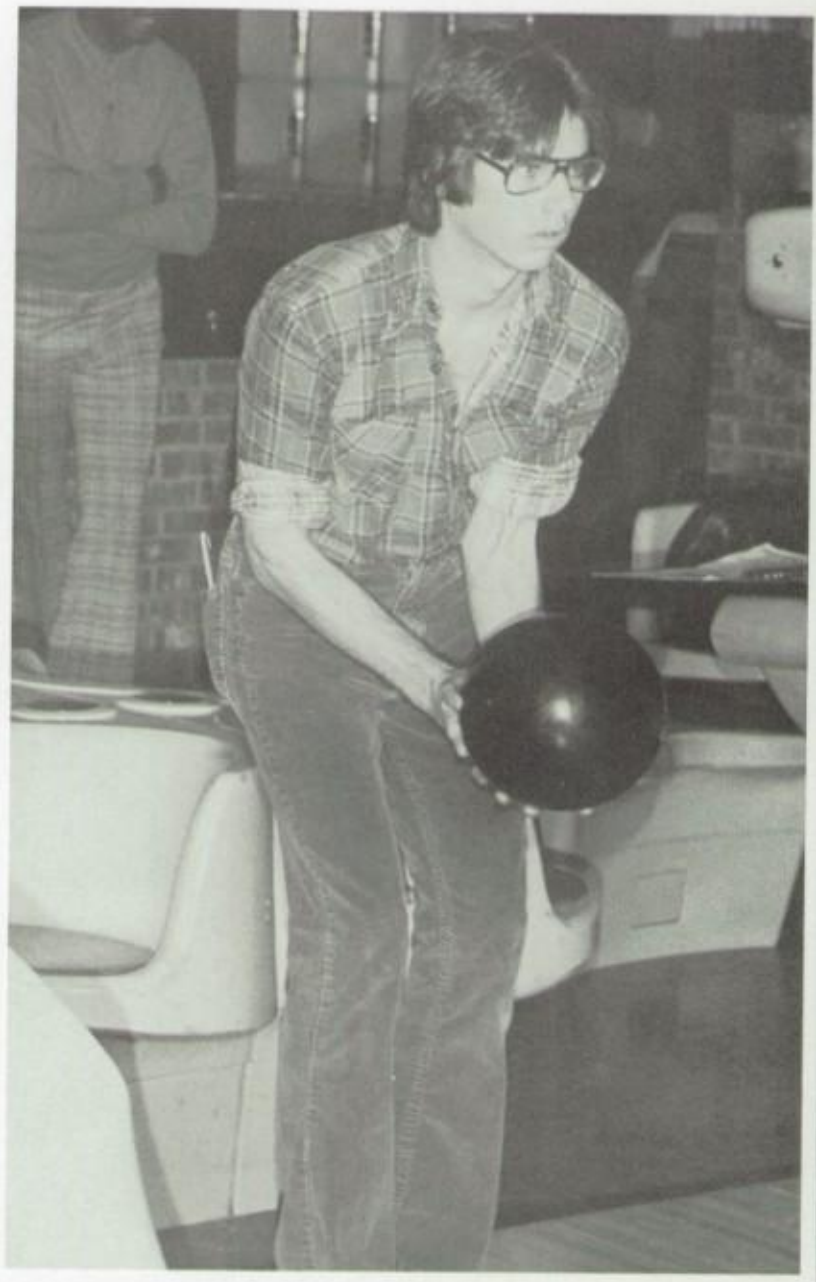
This year's wrestling team finished third in the division behind first place North Mecklenburg and second place East Mecklenburg. There was an abundance of talent that was properly led by tri-captains Tom Brangle, Jim Altman, and Pat Brown. The record was spoiled only by defeats from North Mecklenburg and East Mecklenburg, and a disputed tie with West Mecklenburg. In the year-end tournament at East Mecklenburg, the team won over-all and came away with three gold medals, one silver medal, and three bronze medals. The three gold medalists were Bob Brinton, Pat Brown, and Mike Hurlbert.

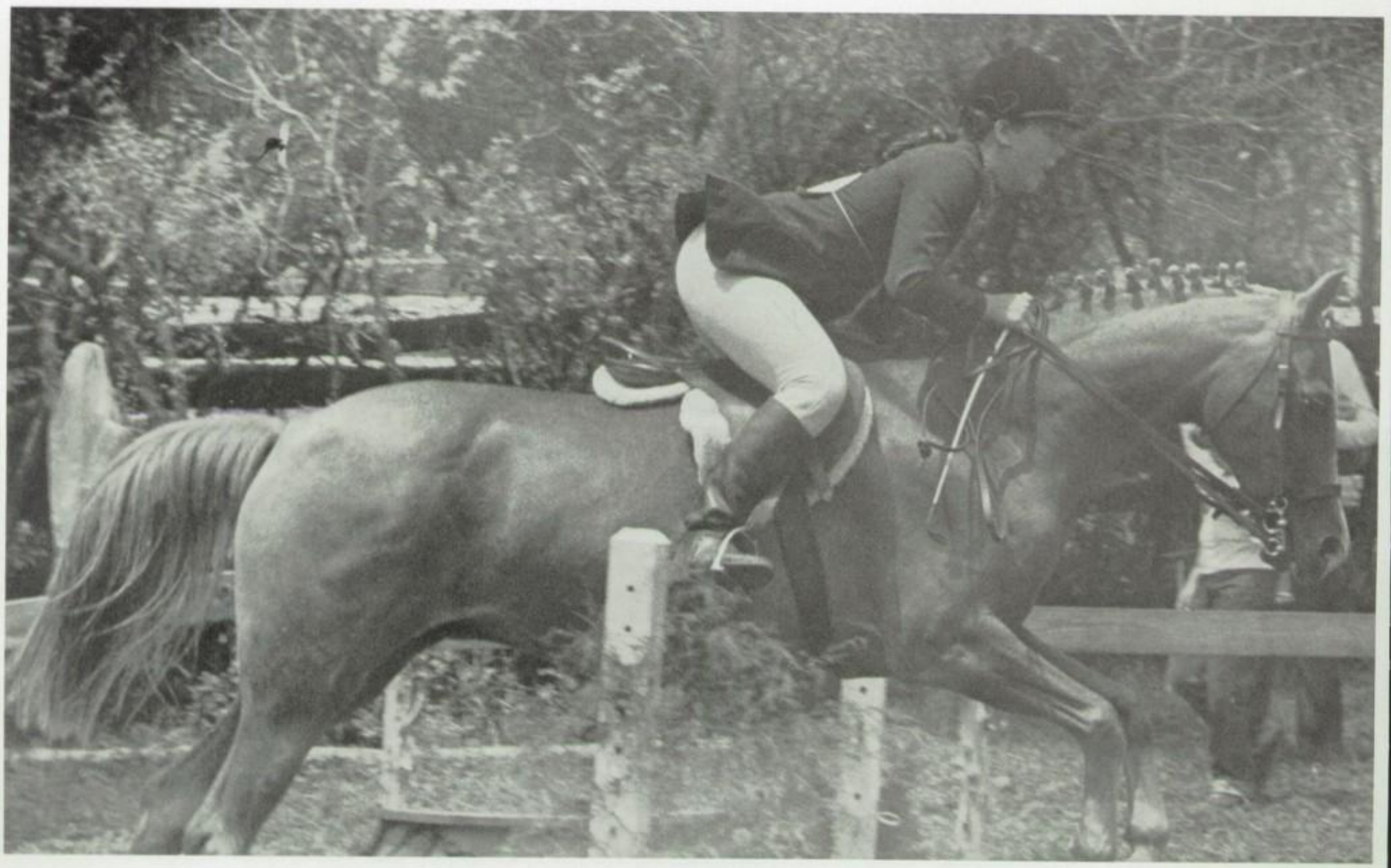
LEFT: Mike Hurlbert, a gold medalist, brings opponent to mat. BELOW: Front row: Bob Brinton, Robbie Chives, Tom Brangle, Jim Altman, William Potts, Tim Griner. Middle row: Coach Larry Lewis, Mike Hurlbert, Derryl Wallace, Pat Brown, John Patera, Forrest Edge, John Ward. Back row: Bob Wilson, John Goves, Don Hoover, Jeff Sawyers, Johnny Beckham, Jay Johnson, Richard Henderson, David Hite, Steve Clark, Charlie Caldwell, Brian Chaney.

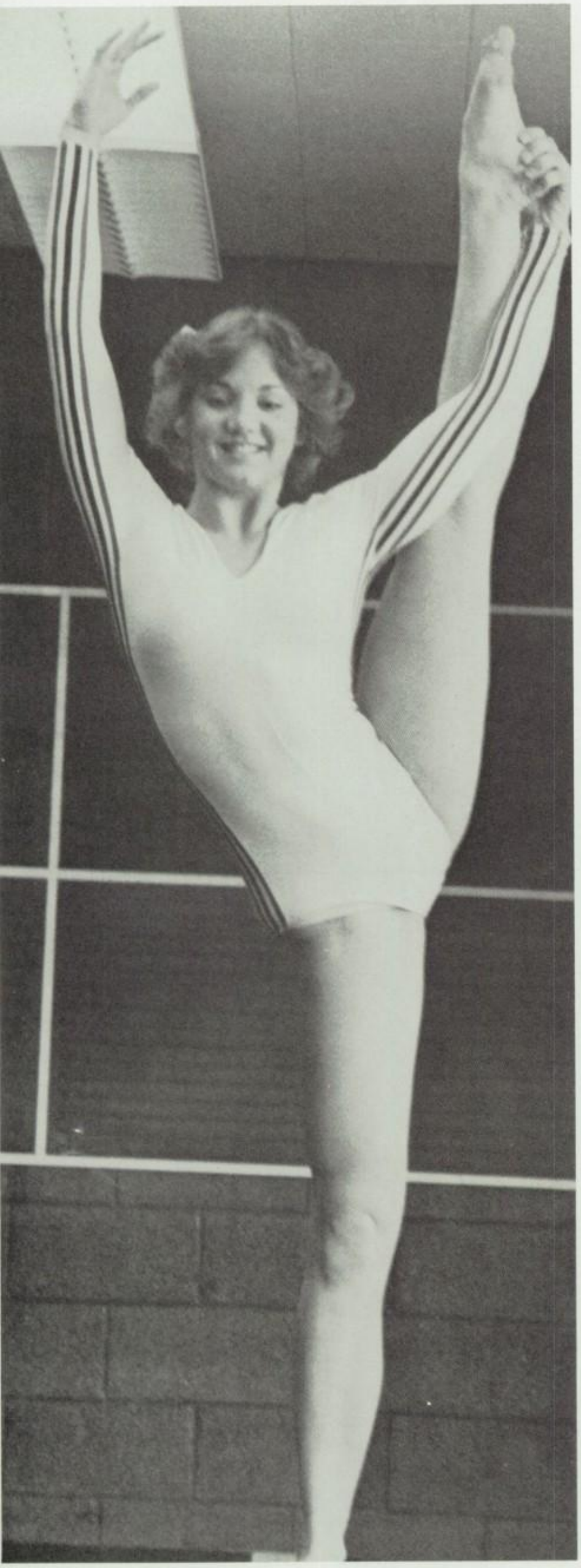
Versatility Is Shown In Many Areas

There are many students at South who participated in sports that were not sponsored by the school. Some of these sports included swimming, gymnastics, equestrian events, bowling, ice skating, and boxing. There were many hours that were spent by these hard-working students who deserved recognition separate from participants that were involved in school athletics.

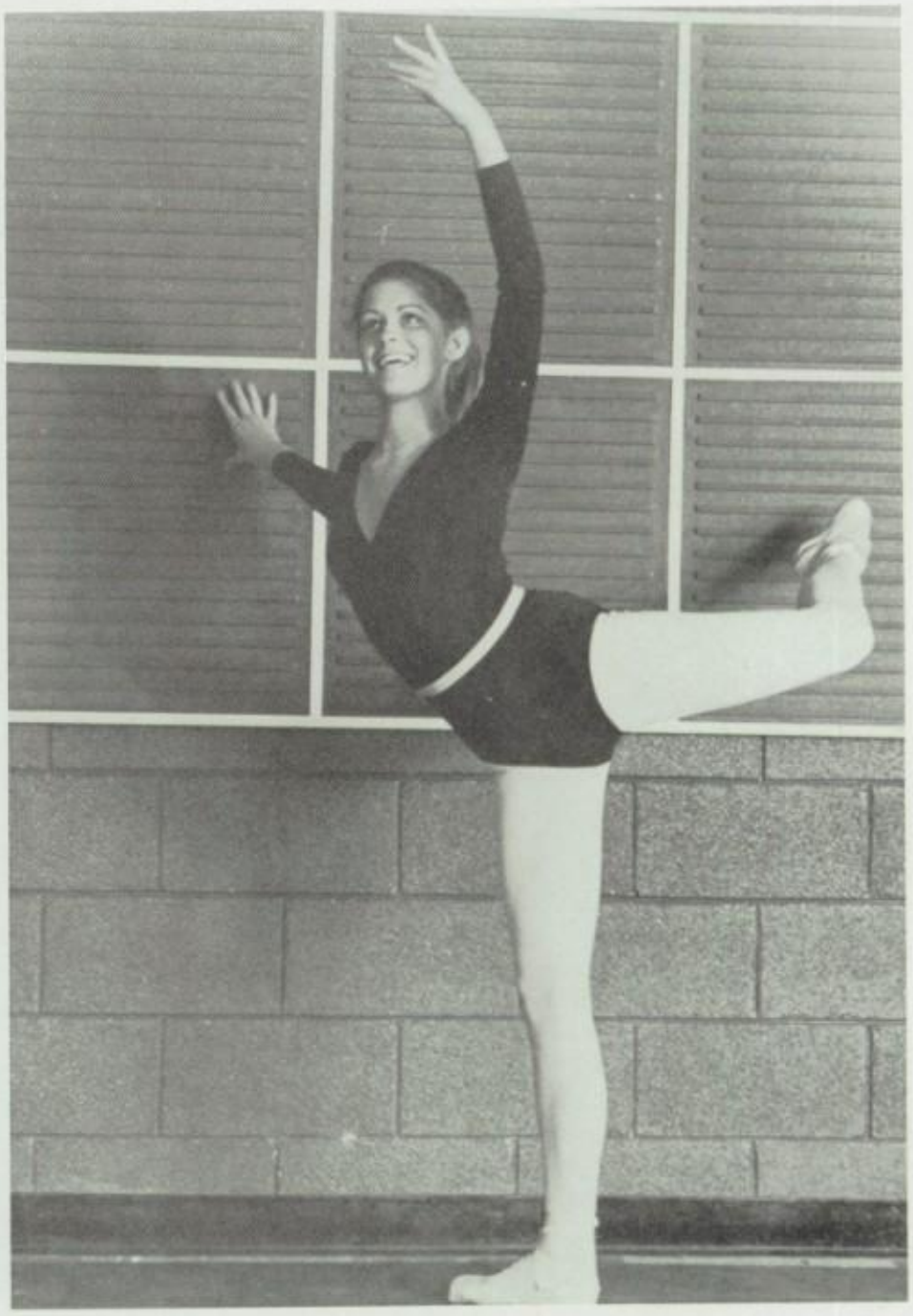
RIGHT: Brant McKinney, a team bowler, practices for his team match on Saturday morning. BELOW: Brenda Dixon, an extremely devoted rider, jumps Holly over a jump at a horse show.





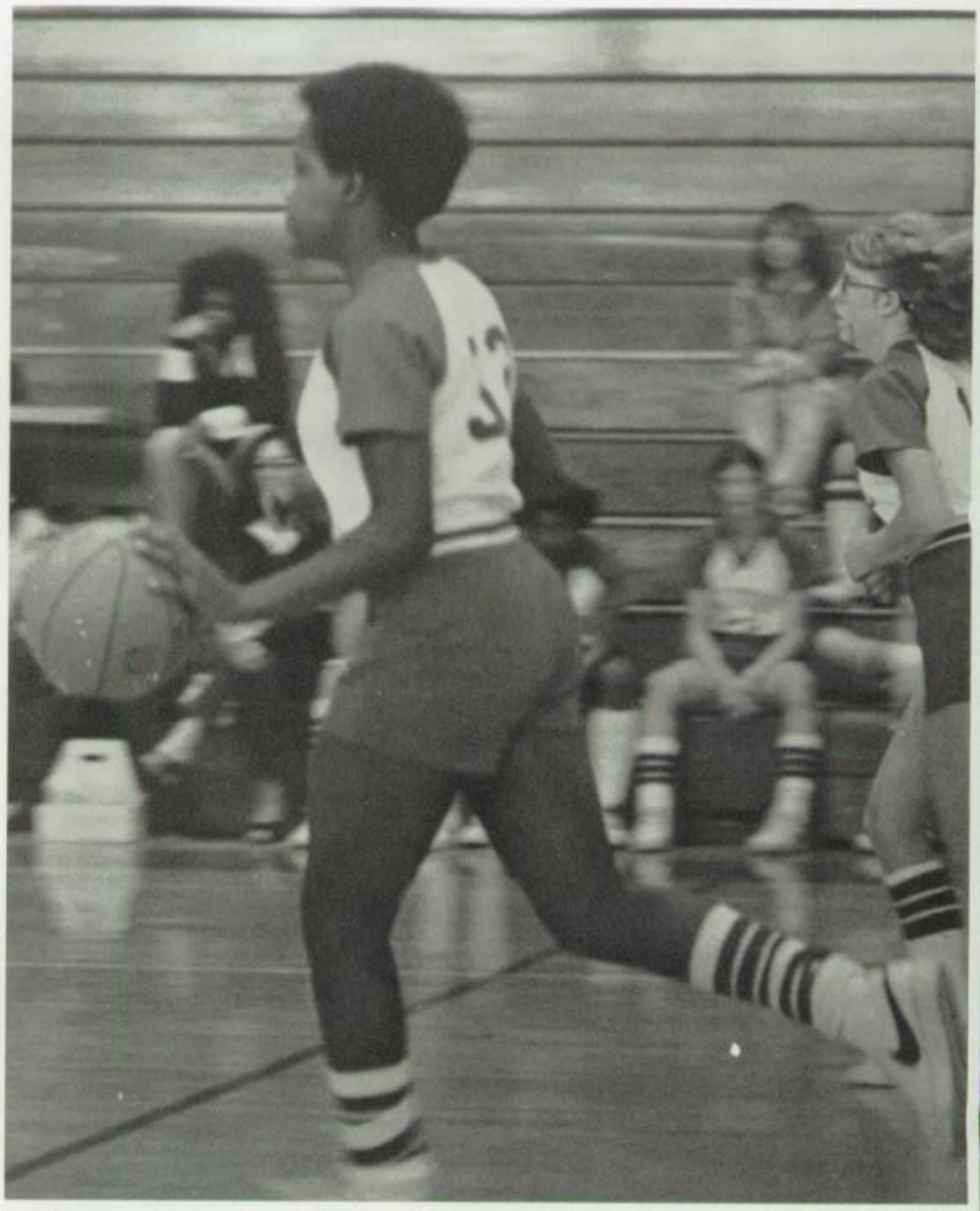


ABOVE: Junior Shawn Muenow takes practice swings before his match at Carmel Country Club. RIGHT: Jennifer Bell holds a difficult pose on the balance beam. BELOW: Suzanne Lownsbury holds a basic ballet position.



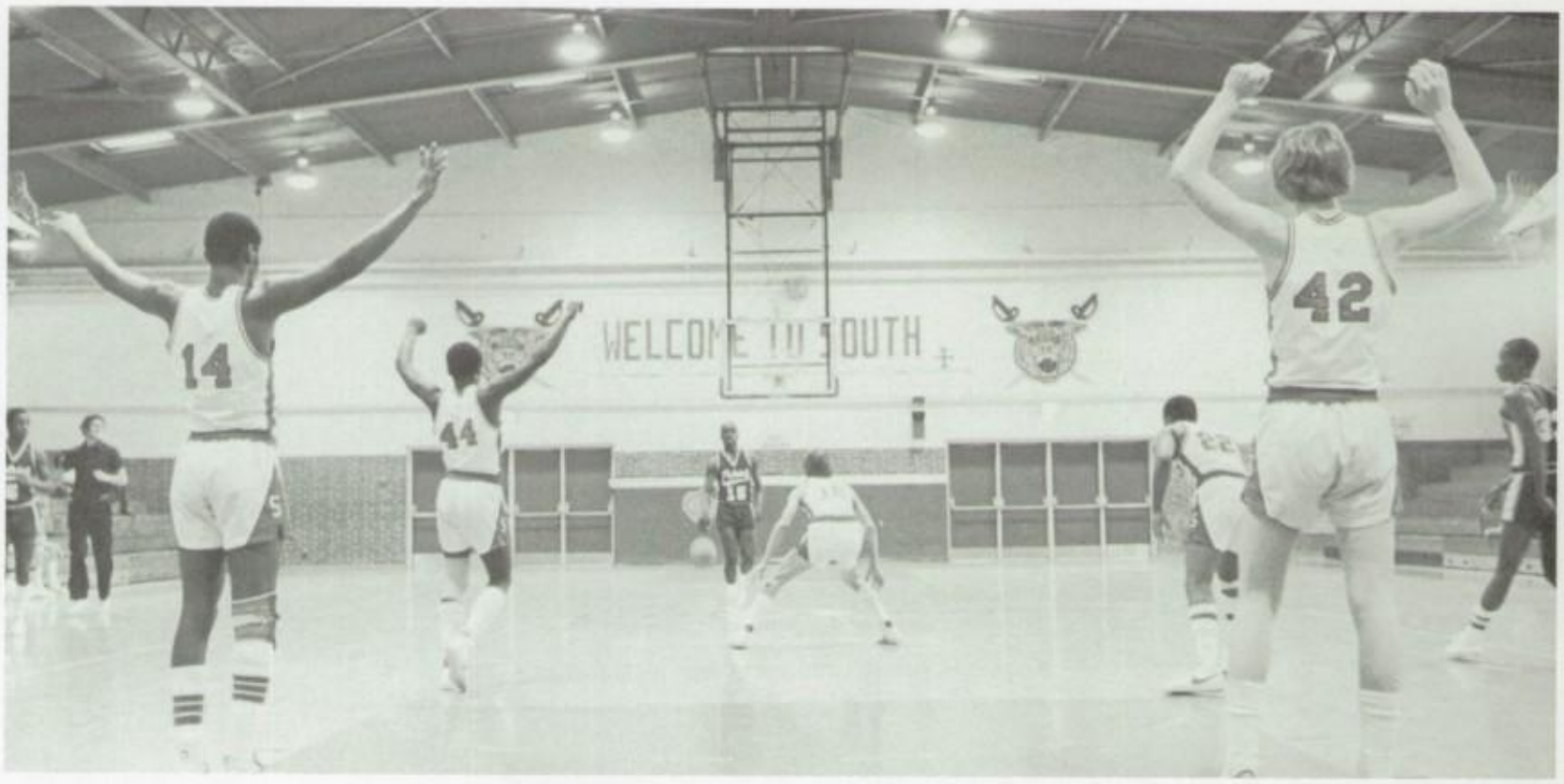
J.V. Girls Finish With Determination

The J.V. girls' basketball team ended their season with eight victories and ten losses. Josie Armstrong, one of the team's most promising players, helped the team through several tough games by scoring a numerous amount of points. Led by Coach Judy Hanes, their most rewarding victory was over West Mecklenburg. Although the Sabres' season was only average, it prepared them for the varsity team next year.

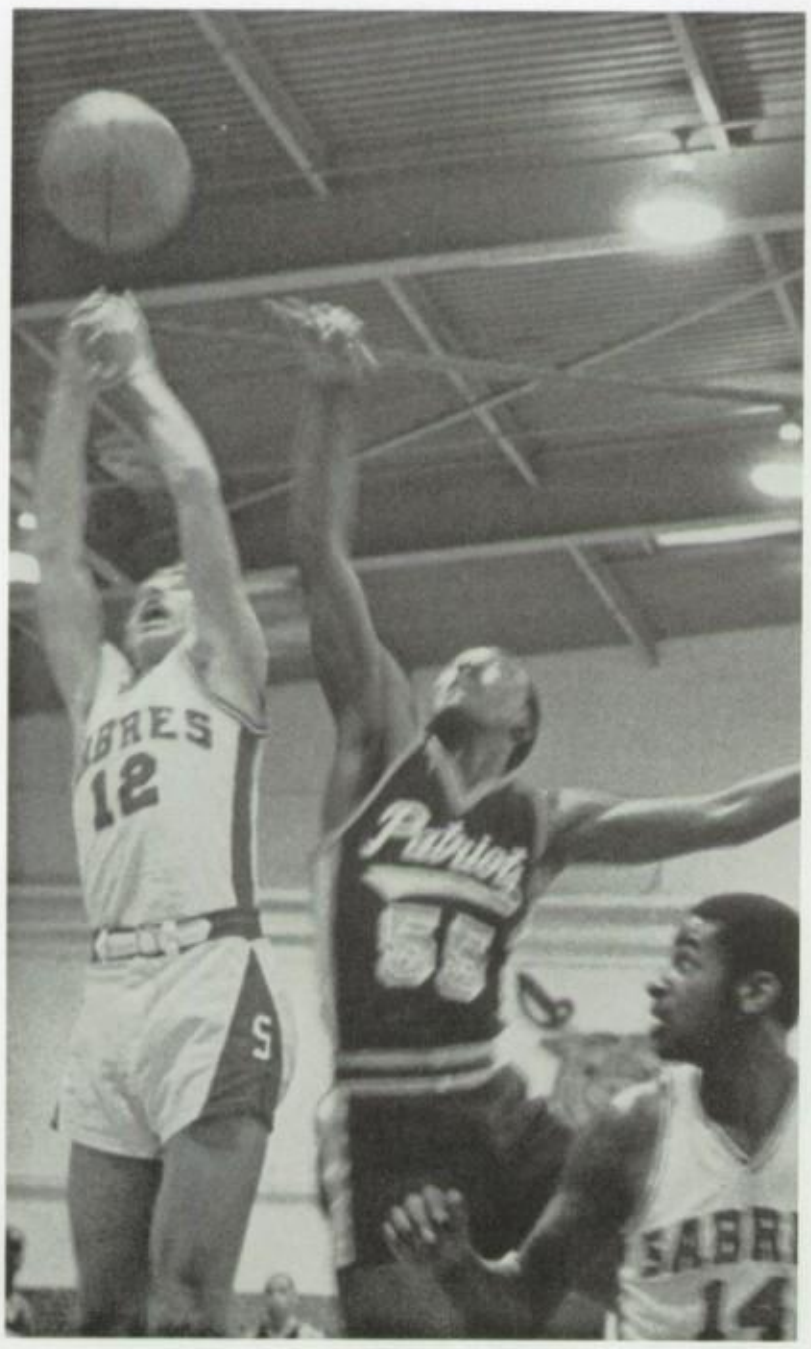


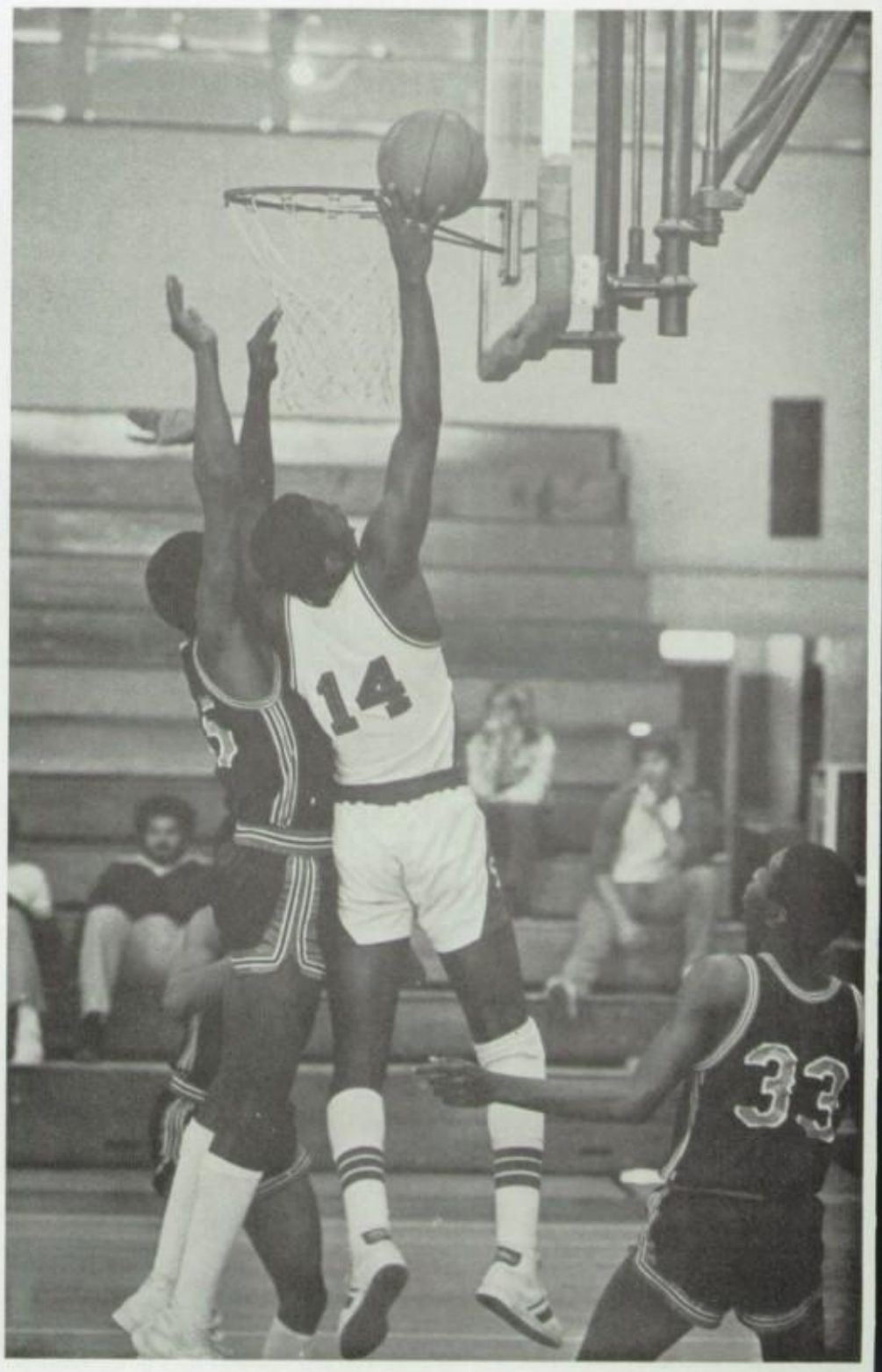
RIGHT: Josie Armstrong travels down court with ball as teammate Jill Johnson runs beside her. BELOW: front row: Josie Armstrong, Laura Clauser. back row: Angela Bouler, Lisa Buchanan, Shelly Forward, Myra Edwards, Bentley Mathis, Carole Carter, Jill Johnson, Darlene Garnett, Jill Britton.

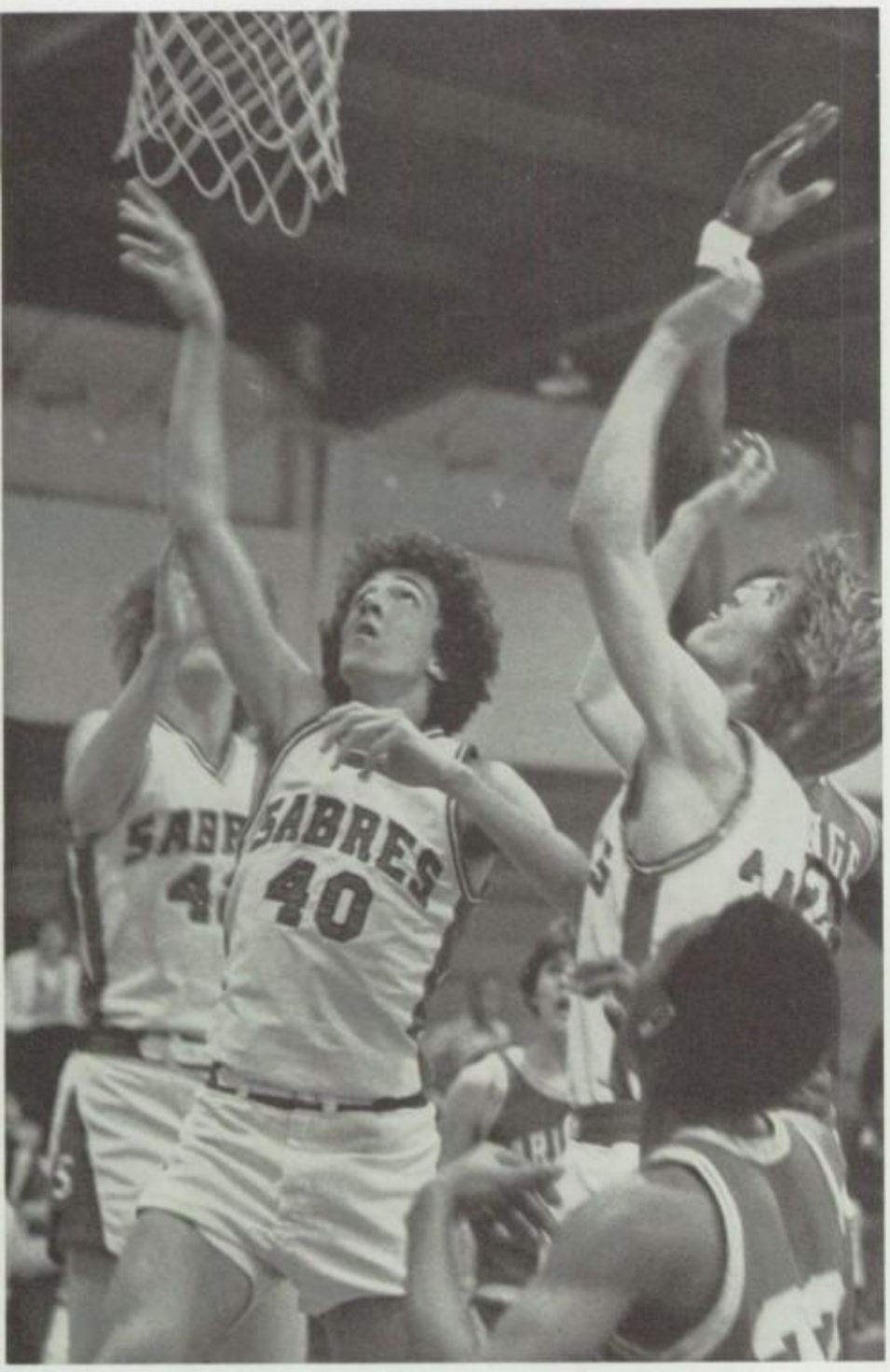
ABOVE: Carol Carter jumps for ball as teammates look on. BELOW LEFT: Angela Bouler sets up offensive play for team. BELOW RIGHT: Jill Johnson uses her Sabre skill to shoot a foul shot.



ABOVE: Sabres use defense skills against Independence offense. BELOW RIGHT: Geoffre Crosby maneuvers between three opponents to shoot lay-up. BELOW: Jimmy Leshock outreaches defender to gain control of ball.







J.V. Boys Team Works With Determination

The J.V. boys basketball team finished their season with eleven victories and nine losses. Coached by Herb Davis, the team's most exciting victory was against Harding, however, their most exciting defeat was against Garinger when they were down by ten points and in fifty seconds they came back and lost by only four points. Two of the team's most skilled players, Brad Price and Wendell Similton, had good seasons, and both were assets to the team. The J.V. Sabres worked with determination and look promising for next year's Varsity.

LEFT: Brad Price blocks shot as Lane Whitlow and Chuck Wingo try to get rebound. BELOW: Front Row: Jimmy Leshock, Wendell Similton, James Exum. Second Row: Jesse Howard, Chuck Wingo, Geoffre Crosby, Sam Kleitches. Back Row: Kelly Stimart, Andrew Bernstein, Coach Herb Davis, Lane Whitlow, Brad Price.

ABOVE: Top Row: Judy Horton, Bernadette Forte, Jenny Owens, Karen Champion, Leslie Saunders, Karen Balas, Maria Hahn, Myra Edwards, Anna Hoey. Bottom Row: Patti Bostedo, Sonya Thomas, Marcy McClanahan. RIGHT: Leslie Sanders leaps for advantage.

Title Denied By Defeats

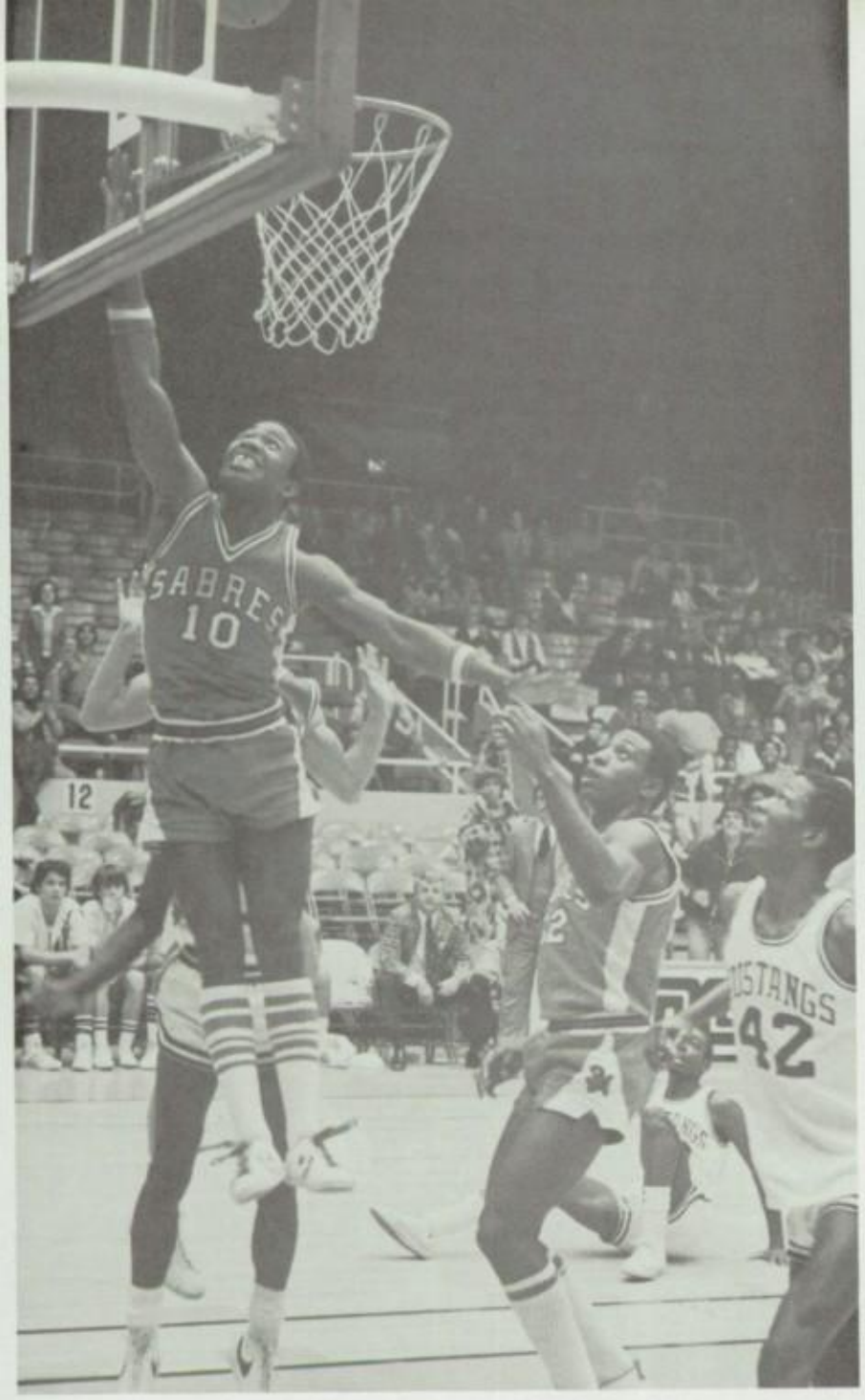
The Girls Varsity basketball team had many outstanding games which culminated in a very rewarding season. Led by Coach Estelle Barentine, the girls finished their season two consecutive years, in third place. One of their most highlighted games was against West Mecklenburg in which the girls defeated the first place team in the conference 43-37. They were down as they entered the last quarter, however hard work and dedication to win the game helped them to outscore and defeat the Indians. Another extremely rewarding game for the girls was against their arch rivals Myers Park. The game reached the final nine seconds of the game when forward Leslie Sanders received a pass to score. The Lady Sabres advanced by one point to win the game. In tournament play they lost their first round game to North Mecklenburg which eliminated them from the state playoffs. Despite losing the last game of the season, the team won a total of fourteen games.

LEFT: Concentration is shown on the faces of players as they prepare for tip-off. BELOW: Myra Edwards and Leslie Sanders take part in battle for ball.

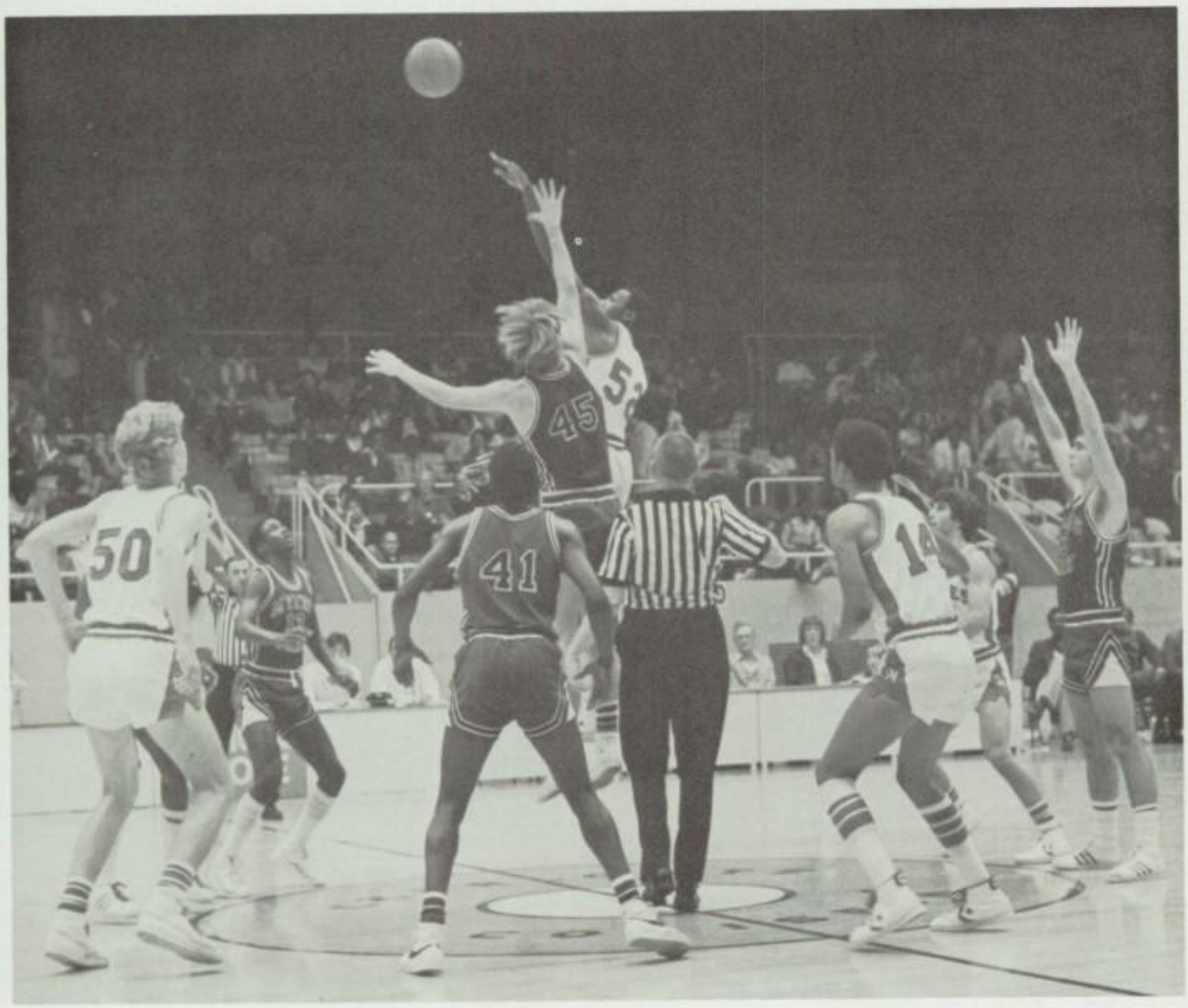
High Scoring and Strong Defense Lead Team to Conference Title

This year's varsity basketball team, led by All-County players Johnny Edwards and David Kouri, had a very successful season. With a record of thirteen wins, five losses, and no ties, the Sabres compiled enough wins to take the Conference Championship. Although West Charlotte had an identical record, South came out on top because the Sabres had beaten West Charlotte twice this season. South's only losses were two to North Mecklenburg, two to Garinger, and one to Olympic by one point in double overtime. The offense of the board-battering Sabres scored a total of 1179 points, while the stingy defense kept most teams to under fifty-five points per game. The starting line-up of David Kouri, Wayne Griffin, Tim Sawyers, Bryant McKnight, and Johnny Edwards was supported by a strong and skilled bench that performed well upon request from Coach Dave Price or any of his assistants.

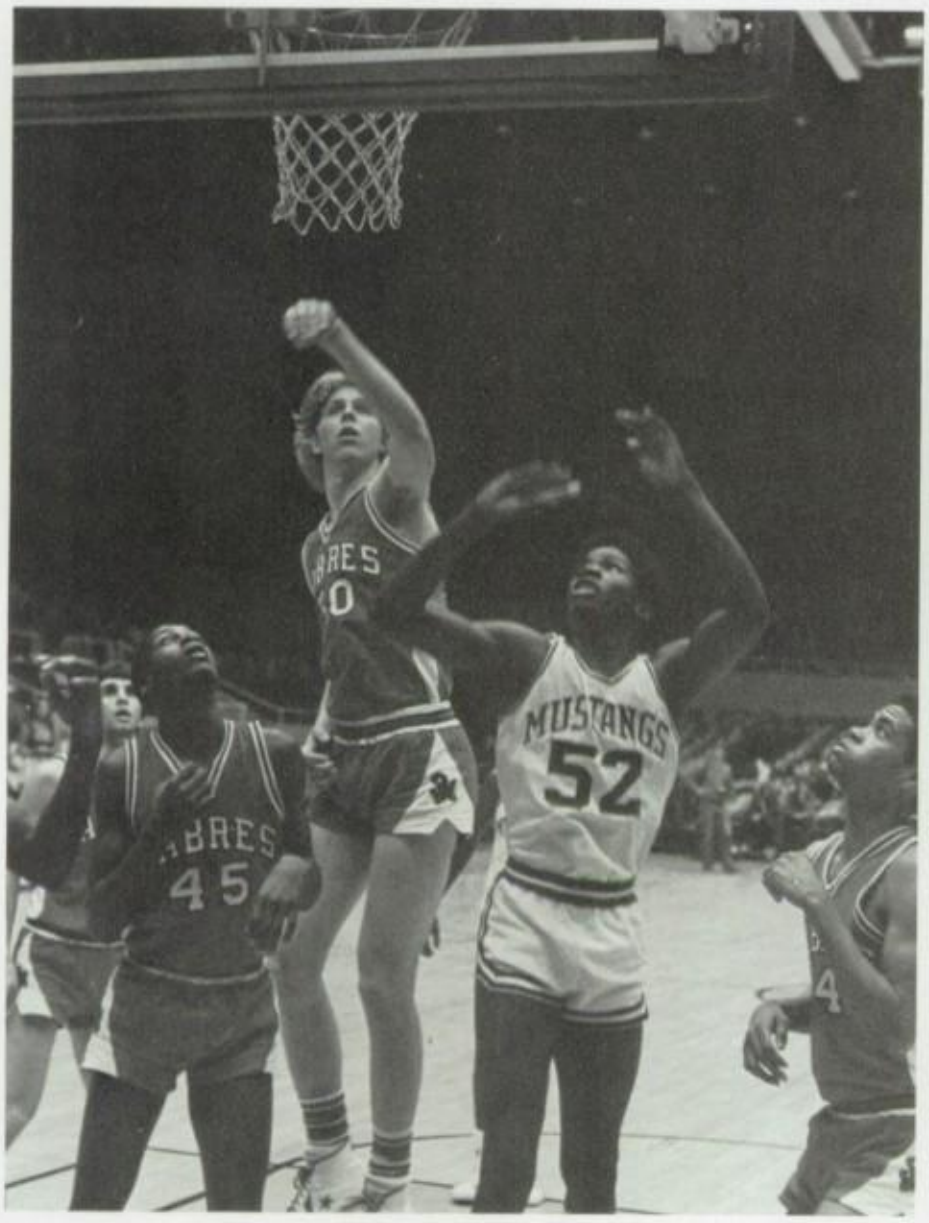
RIGHT: Bryant McKnight stretches to add two more points toward Sabre victory. BELOW RIGHT: Top Row: Coach Price, Mike Suber, George Colbert, Johnny Edwards, Tim Sawyers, Coach Davis. Second Row: manager Shawn Spaulding, Tuggy Lambros, Reginald Bonaparte, David Kouri.



LEFT: Reginald Bonaparte soars above opponents as Johnny Edwards prepares for rebound. ABOVE: Johnny Edwards protects rebound for South. BELOW: Sabres prepare to hand Myers Park yet another defeat.



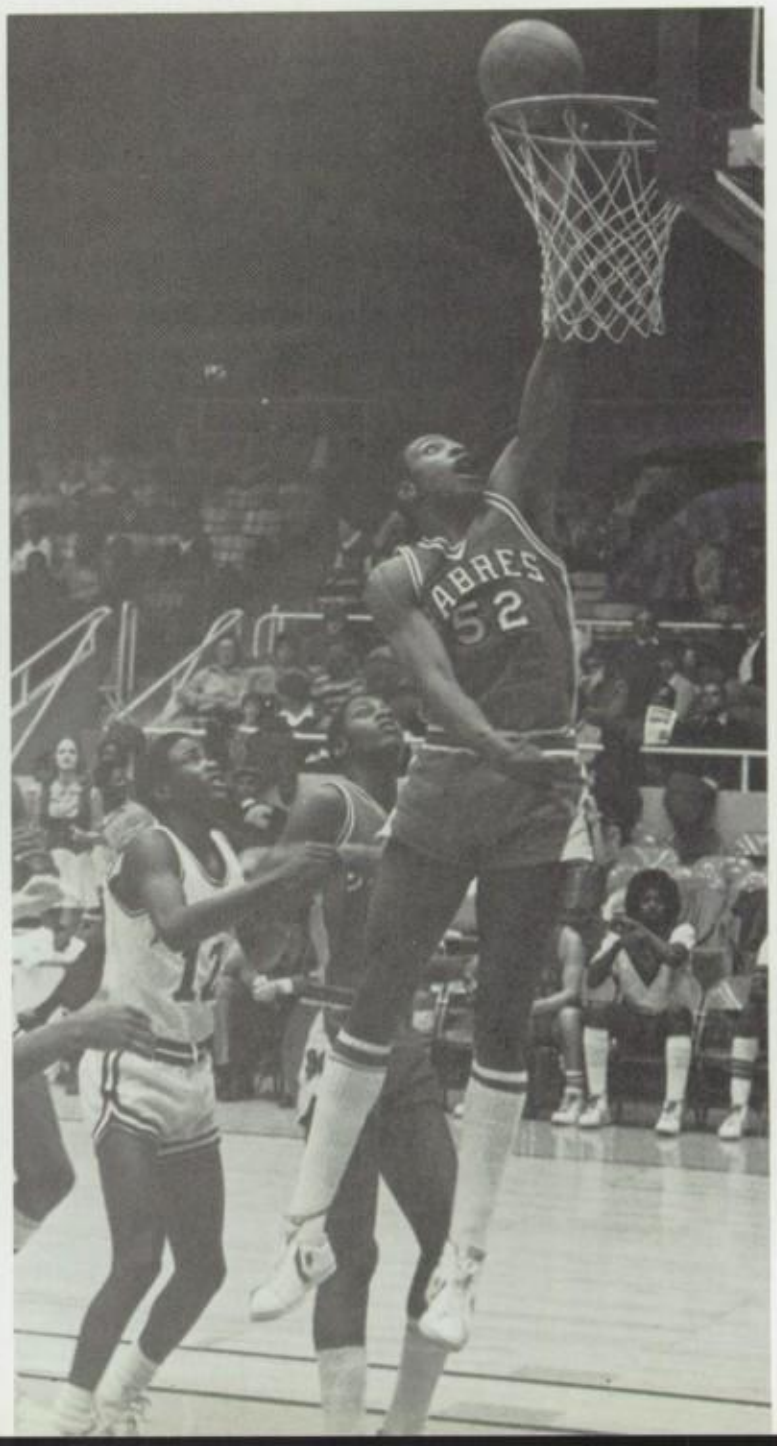
RIGHT: Coach Price prepares lecture for David Kouri. BELOW RIGHT: Bryant McKnight "dunks" ball over helpless defenders. BELOW: Tim Sawyers goes up for two points.

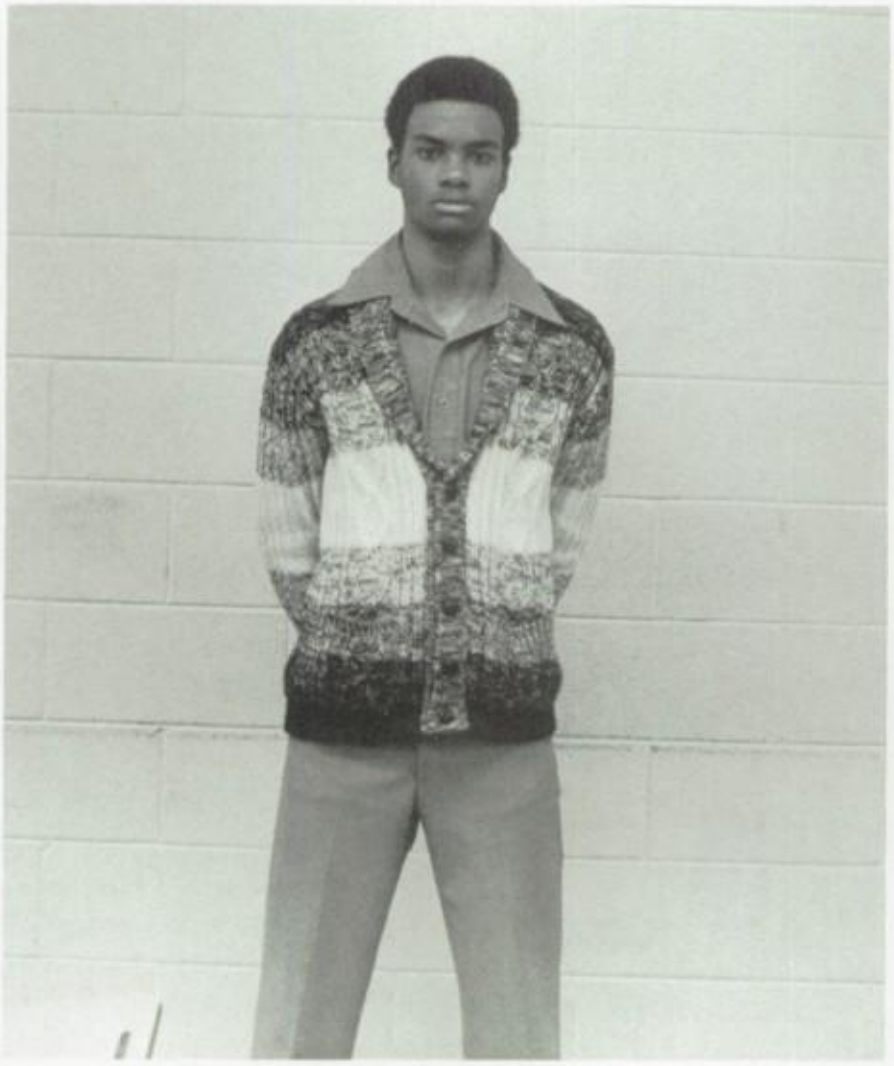


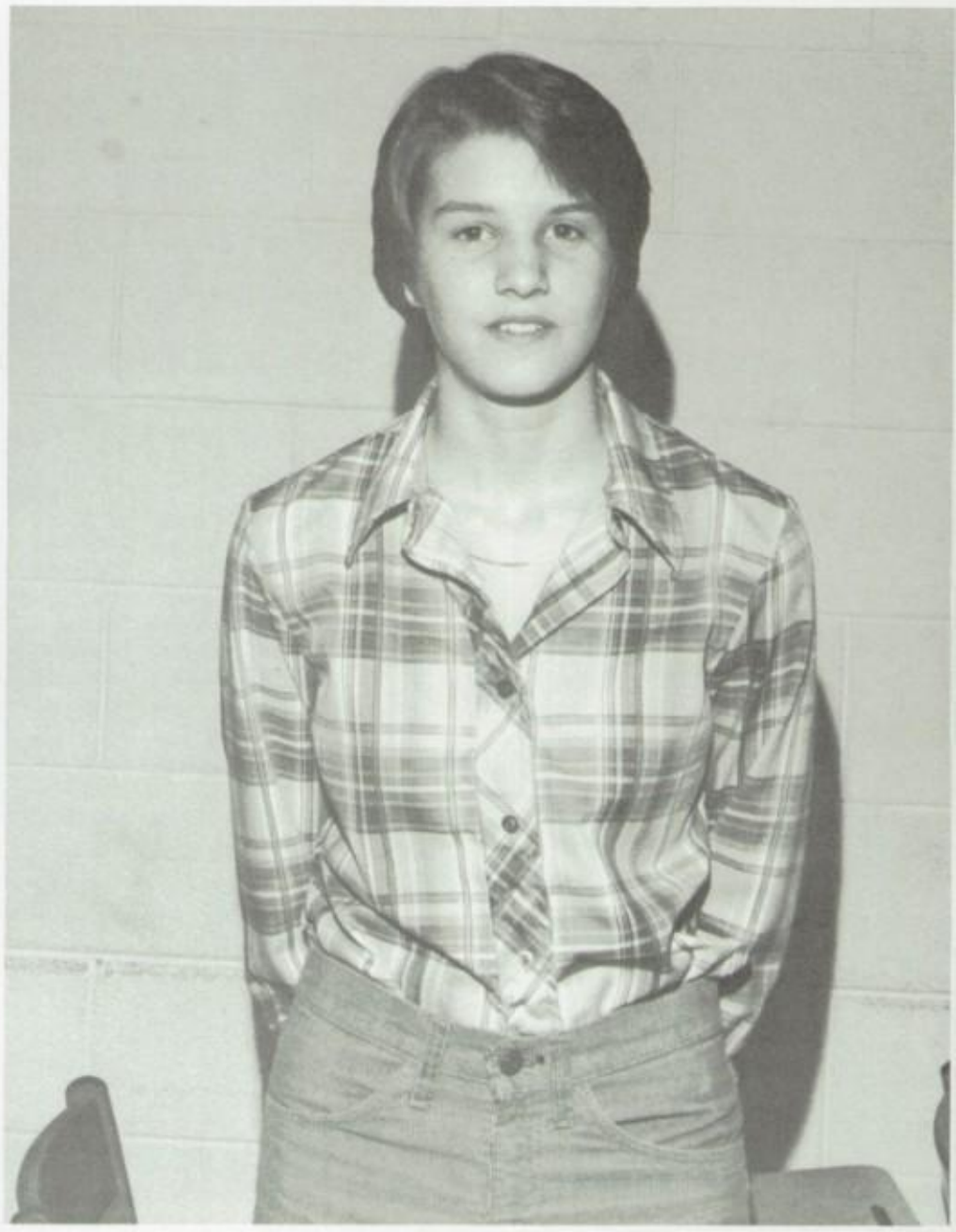
State Playoffs Again Elude Deserving Sabres

Due to an upset victory for West Charlotte, the 1978-1979 season ended in frustration and disbelief. For the second straight year the Sabres had been narrowly beaten in the final round of the conference tournament. Had this been last year, the Sabres would have gone to the state playoffs in spite of the West Charlotte defeat. However, through rule changes, the Southwest 4-A Conference had only one berth in the playoffs, where last year it had two, one for the conference champion and one for the tournament champion. Next year is very promising. The basketball team has all except two of its starting players coming back, and some of the top second string will return.

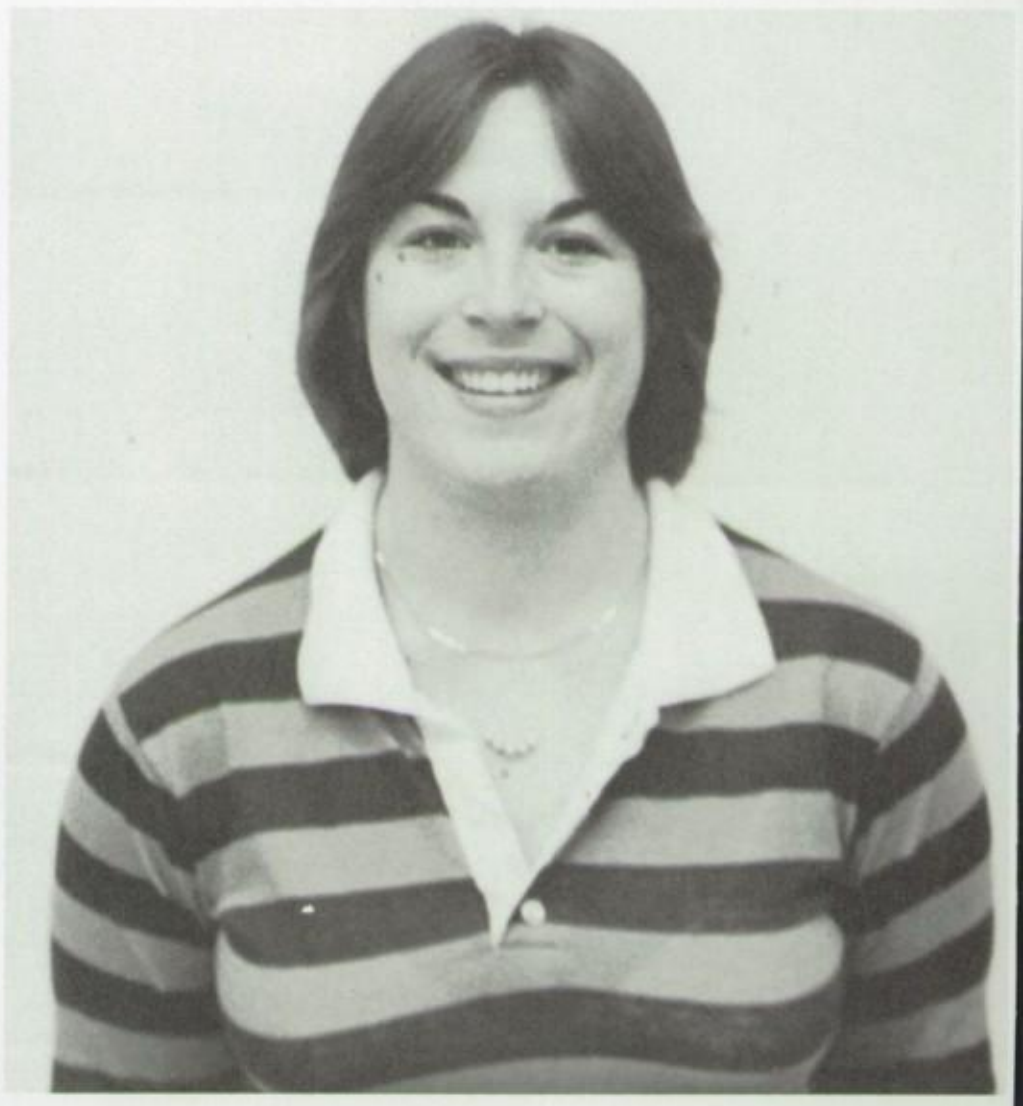
ABOVE LEFT: David Kouri and Tim Sawyers step in Myers Park defense. BELOW LEFT: Wayne Griffin and Mike Suber swarm for rebound. BELOW RIGHT: Johnny Edwards adds two more.

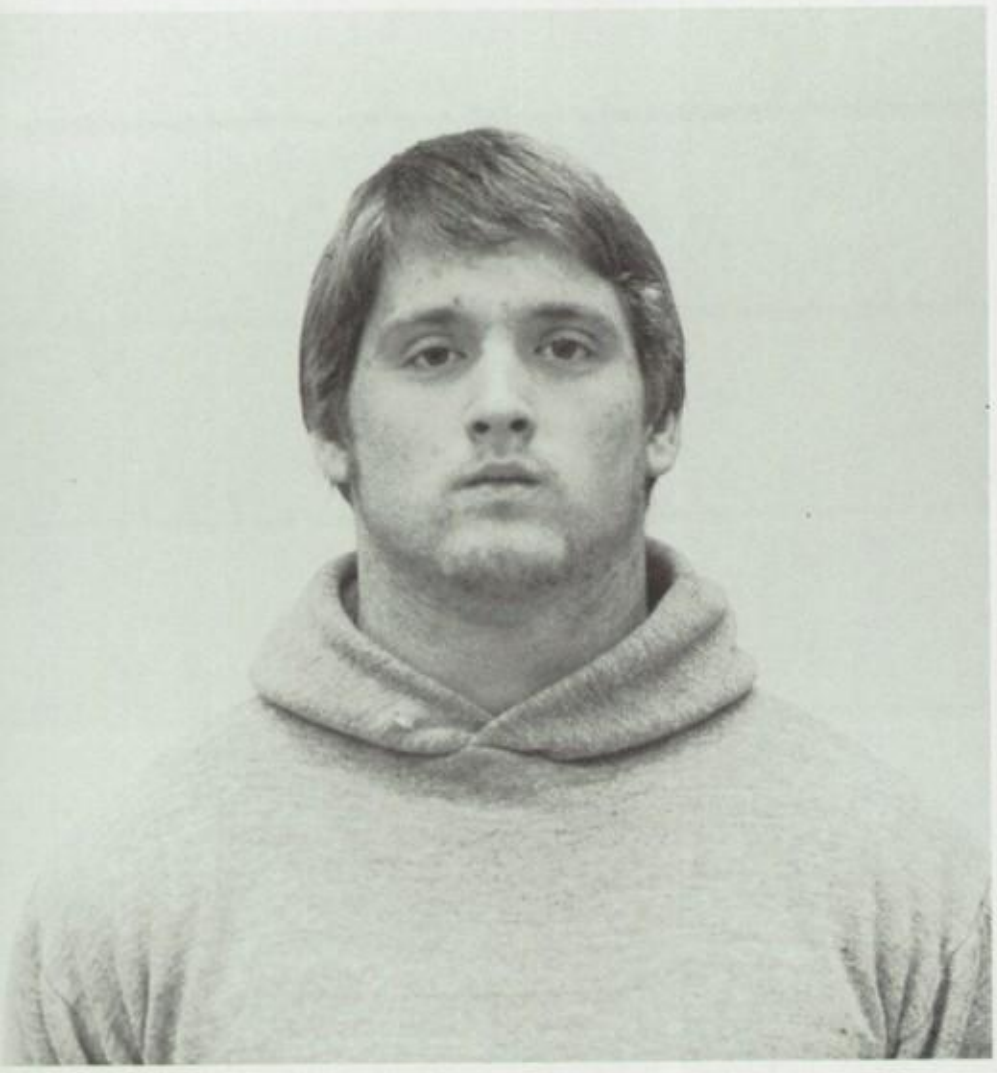






ABOVE: Wayne Griffin is awarded with the Most Improved Player award. ABOVE RIGHT: Jenny Owens receives the Most Improved Player award. BELOW RIGHT: Sonya Thomas shares her Most Valuable Player award with one of her teammates. BELOW: Marcy McClanahan is the co-recipient for the Most Valuable Player.

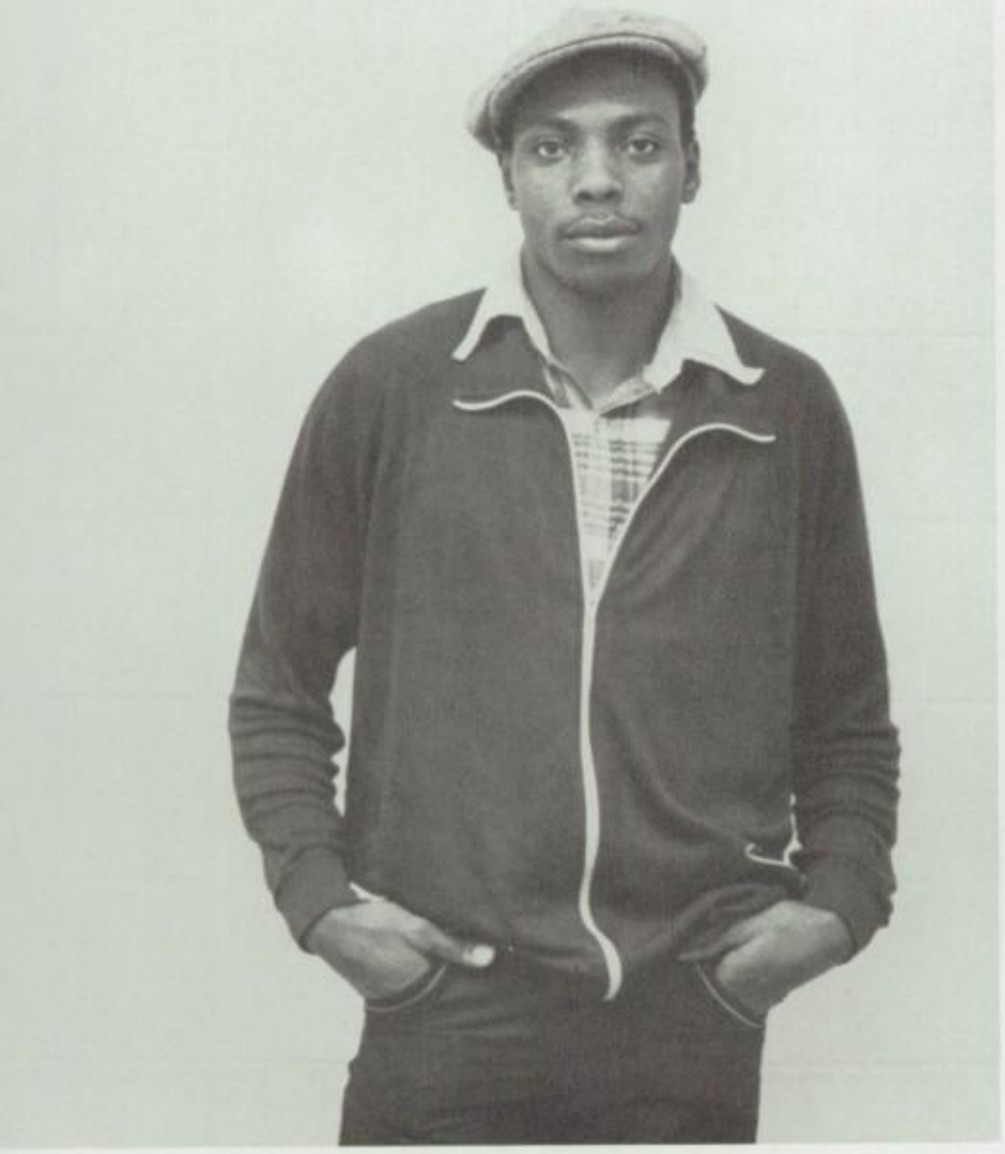


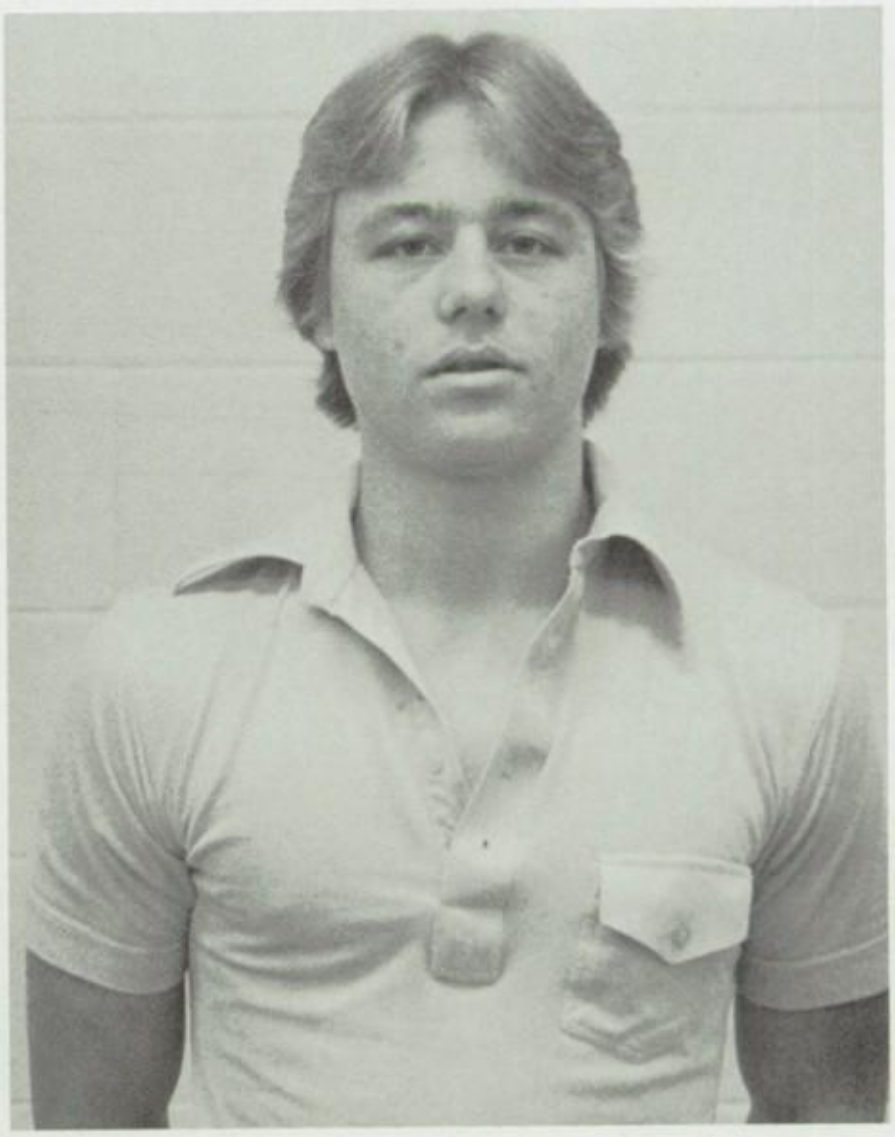


Winter Sports Award Their Respective Best

At the Winter Awards Banquet, the coaches and teams recognized their individual superlatives. The parents, players, and coaches met in the cafeteria and ate supper, then proceeded to the auditorium for the ceremony. Each of the three winter sports honored two players apiece, Most Valuable and Most Improved. This sort of recognition kindled the fire of personal achievement and led to better competition and sportsmanship.

LEFT: Pat Brown is the recipient of the Most Valuable Wrestlers Award. BELOW LEFT: Johnny Edwards, Sophomore Player of the Year for basketball wins Most Valuable Player. BELOW: Tom Brangle receives the Most Improved Player for the wrestling team.





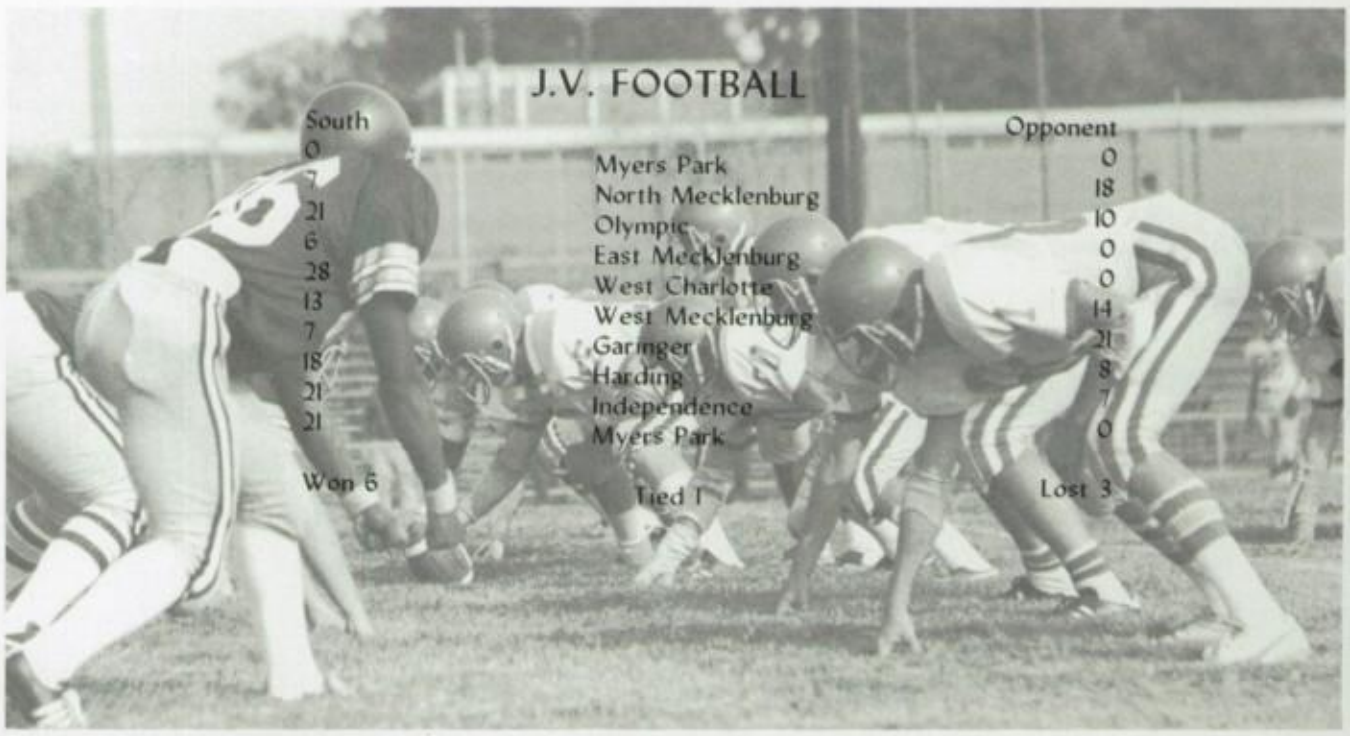
GIRLS' J.V. BASKETBALL

South		Opponent
31	Olympic	40
25	East Mecklenburg	29
22	West Charlotte	32
39	North Mecklenburg	32
62	West Mecklenburg	14
50	Garinger	34
25	Harding	49
30	Independence	42
37	Myers Park	40
41	North Mecklenburg	36
31	Olympic	45
33	West Charlotte	37
55	East Mecklenburg	34
55	West Mecklenburg	28
32	Harding	44
53	Garinger	33
24	Myers Park	32
30	Independence	42

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

South		Opponent
61	Olympic	48
34	East Mecklenburg	43
60	West Charlotte	42
40	North Mecklenburg	31
44	West Mecklenburg	58
48	Garinger	31
59	Harding	58
46	Independence	45
49	Myers Park	44
41	North Mecklenburg	39
44	Olympic	39
34	East Mecklenburg	38
43	West Charlotte	45
43	West Mecklenburg	37
60	Harding	62
44	Garinger	40
44	Myers Park	43
49	Independence	47
38	North Mecklenburg	44

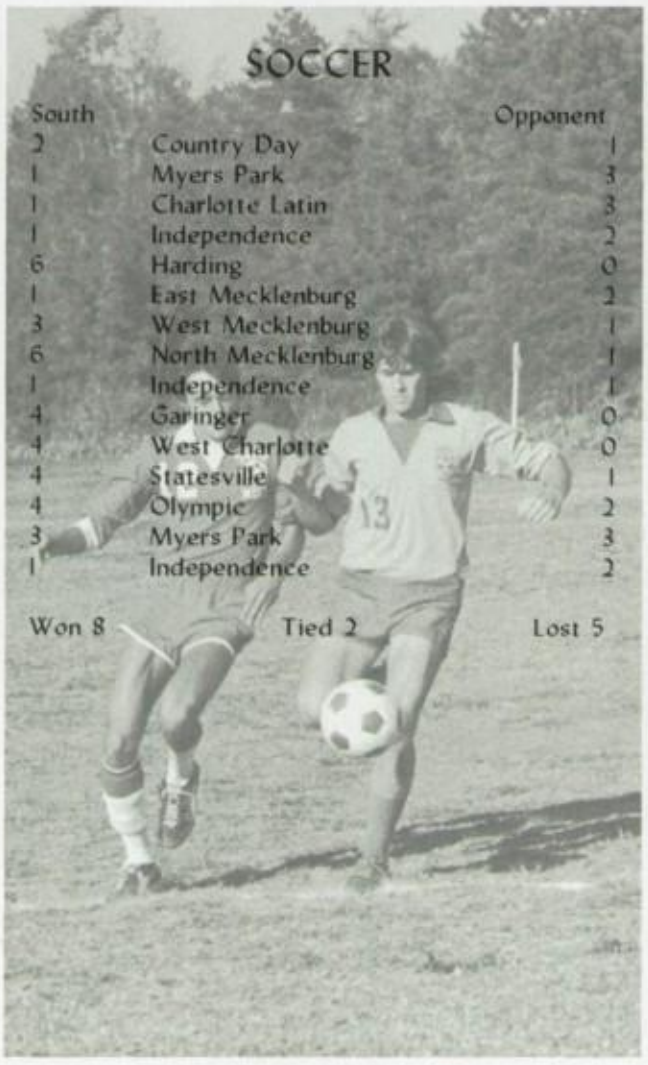
Won 14 Lost 5



J.V. FOOTBALL

South		Opponent
0	Myers Park	0
7	North Mecklenburg	18
21	Olympic	10
6	East Mecklenburg	0
28	West Charlotte	0
13	West Mecklenburg	14
7	Garinger	21
18	Harding	8
21	Independence	7
21	Myers Park	0

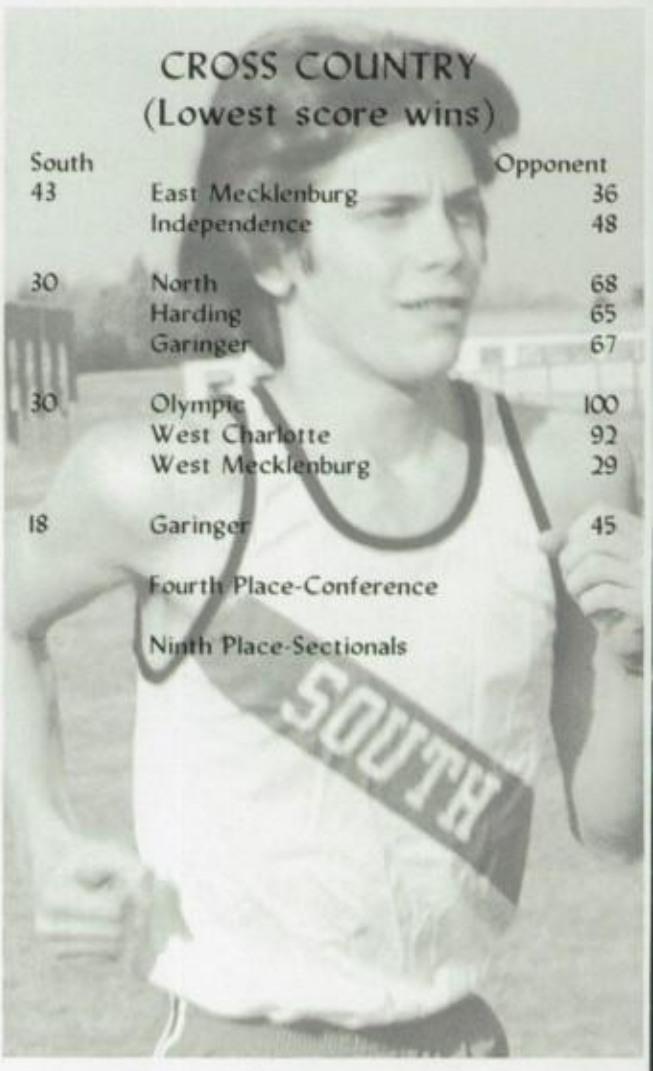
Won 6 Tied 1 Lost 3



SOCCER

South		Opponent
2	Country Day	1
1	Myers Park	3
1	Charlotte Latin	3
1	Independence	2
6	Harding	0
1	East Mecklenburg	2
3	West Mecklenburg	1
6	North Mecklenburg	1
1	Independence	1
4	Garinger	0
4	West Charlotte	0
4	Statesville	1
4	Olympic	2
3	Myers Park	3
1	Independence	2

Won 8 Tied 2 Lost 5

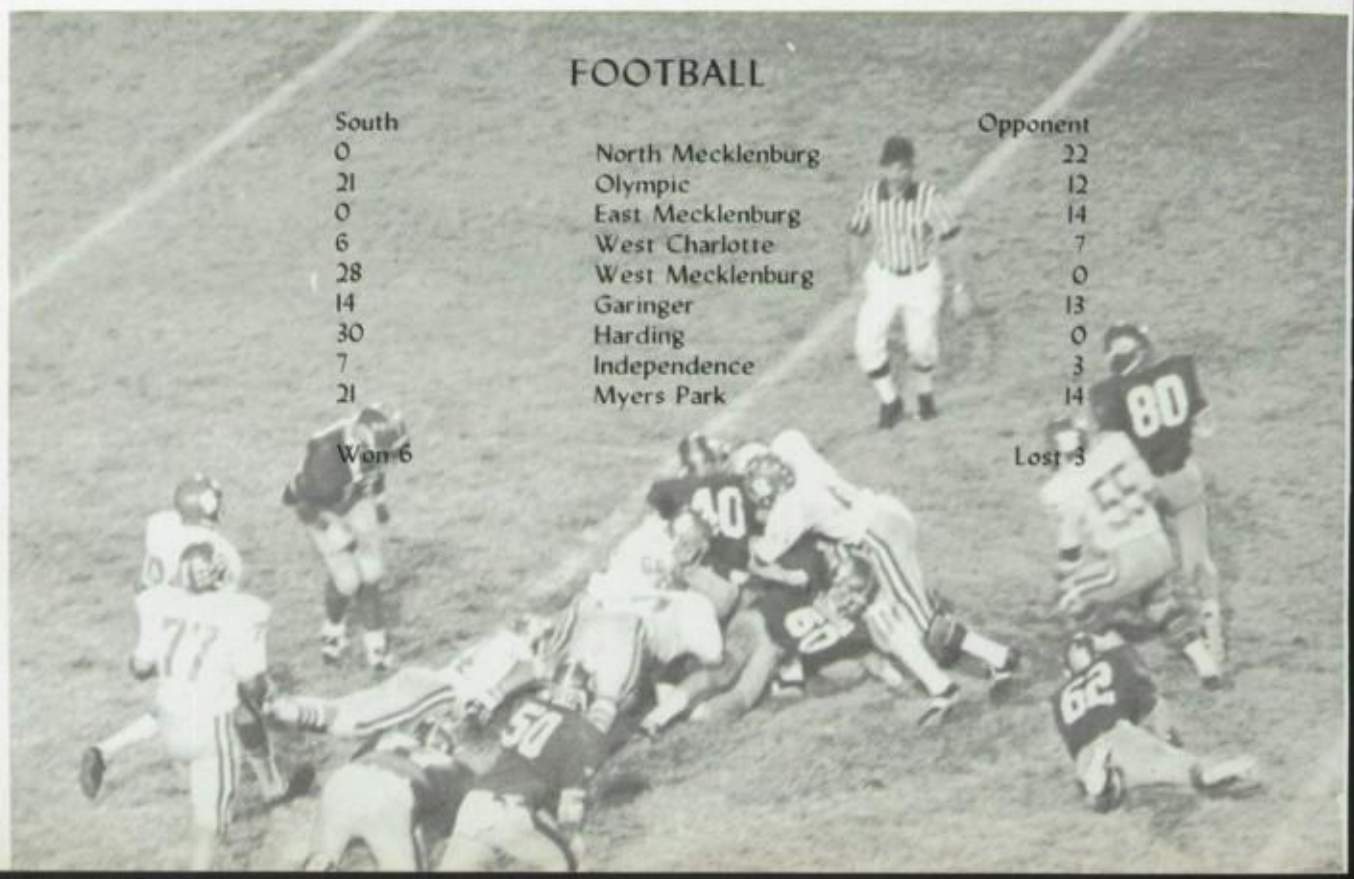


CROSS COUNTRY
(Lowest score wins)

South		Opponent
43	East Mecklenburg	36
	Independence	48
30	North	68
	Harding	65
	Garinger	67
30	Olympic	100
	West Charlotte	92
	West Mecklenburg	29
18	Garinger	45

Fourth Place-Conference

Ninth Place-Sectionals



FOOTBALL

South		Opponent
0	North Mecklenburg	22
21	Olympic	12
0	East Mecklenburg	14
6	West Charlotte	7
28	West Mecklenburg	0
14	Garinger	13
30	Harding	0
7	Independence	3
21	Myers Park	14

Won 6 Lost 3

VOLLEYBALL

South		Opponent
2	West Mecklenburg	1
2	West Charlotte	0
0	East Mecklenburg	2
2	Olympic	0
2	Garinger	0
0	Harding	2
0	Myers Park	2
1	North Mecklenburg	2
2	Independence	1
0	West Charlotte	2
2	West Mecklenburg	1
2	East Mecklenburg	0
1	Garinger	2
2	Olympic	0
2	Myers Park	0
2	Harding	0
2	North Mecklenburg	1
2	Independence	1

WRESTLING

South		Opponent
42	Independence	35
33	West Charlotte	27
46	Harding	22
28	East Mecklenburg	36
33	West Mecklenburg	33
57	Garinger	9
24	North Mecklenburg	35
42	Olympic	18
42	Myers Park	20

First Place
East Mecklenburg Tournament

Won 6 Tied 1 Lost 2

GIRLS' TENNIS

South		Opponent
9	Independence	0
9	Harding	0
9	Garinger	0
8	West Mecklenburg	1
8	West Charlotte	1
4	East Mecklenburg	5
9	Olympic	0
3	Myers Park	6
9	North	0

First Place-Regionals
First Place-Sectionals
Fourth Place-State

BOYS' BASKETBALL

South		Opponent
80	Olympic	81
64	East	49
50	West Charlotte	48
58	North Mecklenburg	51
78	West Mecklenburg	71
49	Garinger	50
72	Harding	56
69	Independence	63
74	Myers Park	52
63	North Mecklenburg	72
75	Olympic	63
69	East Mecklenburg	63
70	West Charlotte	57
75	West Mecklenburg	48
48	Garinger	49
69	Harding	52
61	Myers Park	53
55	Independence	53

First Place-Conference

BOYS' J.V. BASKETBALL

South		Opponent
72	Olympic	52
45	East Mecklenburg	64
47	West Charlotte	37
48	North Mecklenburg	58
64	West Mecklenburg	50
68	Garinger	65
68	Harding	62
39	Independence	57
64	Myers Park	80
61	North Mecklenburg	74
65	Olympic	56
55	East Mecklenburg	53
72	West Charlotte	51
49	West Mecklenburg	44
56	Garinger	60
52	Harding	39
60	Myers Park	66
50	North Mecklenburg	59

Won 10 Lost 8

Experienced Team Tries For State

The South Sabres were tough contenders in the Southwestern 4-A Conference this year under the leadership of Coaches Hillier and Davis. With former starters returning in most positions, the question to be answered was the pitching. The pitching corps was headed by returning letterman Archie Morris with help coming from Wayne Brown, Johnny Woods, and Tommy Mann. The infield was anchored by co-captain Sammy Martin with strong support from Tom McVaney and Mike Beck. The roles of newcomers Greg Adams, Billy Powell, and Tuggy Lambros were important for a successful season. The catching was led by co-captain Robbie Craig with John Gamble as back-up catcher. The outfield had second team All-Conference player Scott Price in centerfield flanked by Dennis Yarborough and Kevin White.

BELOW: Bottom Row: Rob Craig, Sammy Martin. Middle Row: Tommy Mann, Ronnie Poole, Greg Adams, Tom McVaney, Tuggy Lambros, Johnny Woods, Johnny Gamble, Dennis Yarborough, Ronnie Roberts, Kevin White. Top Row: Coach Jim Davis, Wayne Brown, Mike Beck, Archie Morris, Mike Stanford, Mitch MacLaughlin, Billy Powell, Scott Price, Tom Johnson, Coach Ron Hillier.

ABOVE: The outfield squad consists of Ronnie Roberts, Sean Crowley, Dennis Yarborough, Kevin White, Scott Price, Mitch MacLaughlin, and Ronnie Poole. LEFT: Rob Craig and Sammy Martin demonstrate the art of chewing tobacco.

Solid Infield Leads Team

The heart of this year's baseball squad was the tenacious infield. With returning lettermen and upcoming juniors, the infield provided a solid base on which the rest of the team performed. Regular hitting and few errors gave the infield and the entire team more push for its quest for the state title.

ABOVE RIGHT: Catchers Johnny Gamble and Robbie Craig display factors that make a winning team. BELOW: The powerful infield shows its strength.

Junior Players Sharpen Skills For Varsity

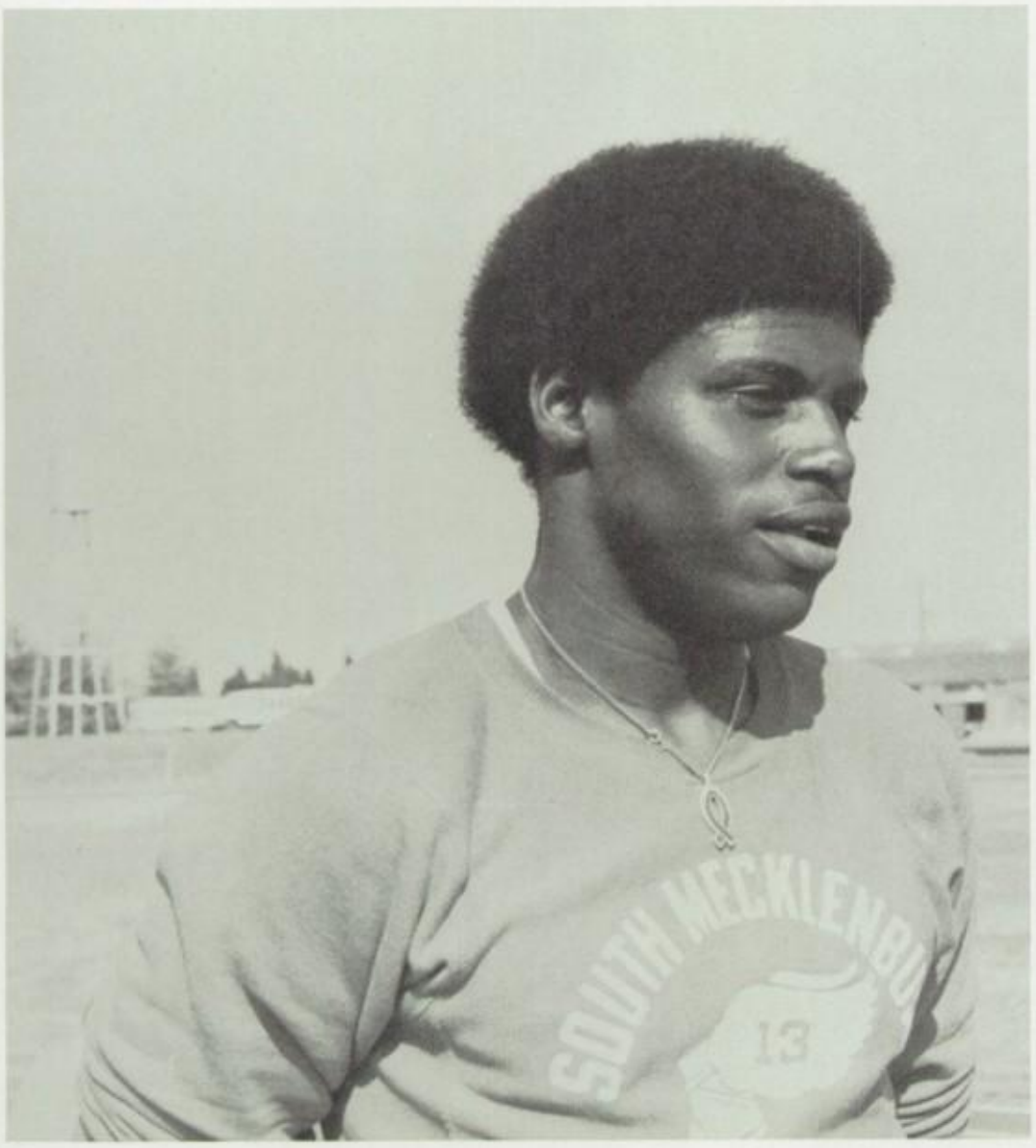
This year's J.V. Baseball team completed a successful season under the leadership of Coach Scott Douglass. The 1979 stars included Kenny Roberts, Kevin Ayers, Sam Williams, and Johnny Woolridge. The two most challenging games were against Garinger and West Mecklenburg, but the junior Sabres defended South with honor in both games.

LEFT: Kevin Hovis and Doug McNairy are ready for play. BELOW: Front Row: Kenny Roberts, Kevin Ayers, Kevin Toth, John Woolridge, Jerry Caldwell, James Exum, Ricky Summers, Doug McNairy, Robbie Cheeves, Jeff Fandal. Back Row: Coach Douglass, Bill Andre, Barry King, Dana Hargett, Stony Smoak, Kevin Hovis, Dale Hargett, Bobby Lewis, Tommy Allen, Jerry Hawk, William Potts.

Girls Loaded With Versatile Talent

The Girl's Track team was placed under a new coaching staff this year which consisted of Head Coach Jim Hambacher and assisting him was Coach Judy Hanes. They entered the season as one of the more favored teams in the Conference. Three of the most valuable assets to the team were tri-captains Angela Beckadorf, Patty Bostedo, and Melanie Hollowell. The success of the season depended on the leadership of these people and the performance of the rest of the team.

TOP: Melanie Hollowell, top hurdler in Charlotte, outran most of her competition. RIGHT: Angela Beckedorf is one of the top two-milers in the conference. BELOW: BOTTOM ROW: Tracy Williams, Patti Bostedo, Wanda Gabriel, Connie Bones, Angela Beckedorf, Melanie Hollowell, Mary Margret Neilson, Katherine Crowley, Alison Perkins. MIDDLE ROW: Maureen Langan, Cassandra Mayfield, Denise Kirpatrick, Marcy McClanahan, Leslie Sanders, Maria Hahn, Judy Horton, Donna York, Kathy Moore, Jane Siebert. TOP ROW: Coach Judy Hanes, Myra Edwards, Michelle Ping, Karen Champion, Lenor Grier, Carole Porter, Jill Britton, Stephanie Reed, Sharon Brown, Tina Beckedorf, Holly Neckerman, Amy Lloyd, Candy Mincy, Coach Jim Hambacher.



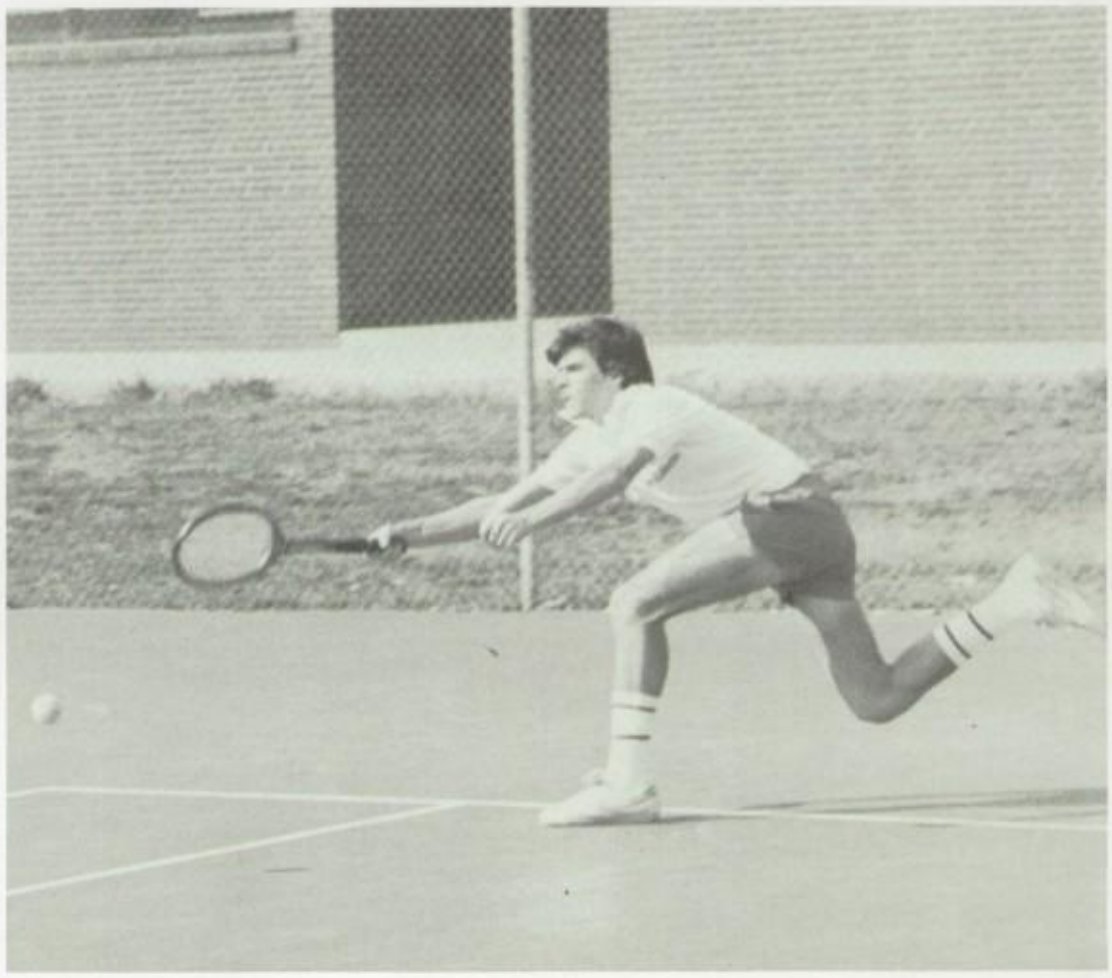
Runners Revel In Long Season

The Boy's Track team was under new leadership this year in the form of Jim Seacord. Assisted by John Potts, Seacord formed the team from scratch into a league contender. Jeff Compton, Alvarez Abernathy, and Ken Hefner proved to be valuable assets to the team in their respective events. An abundance of returning lettermen added to the underclassmen to form a solid base for the team. Hard work and determination had its rewards on each member of the Boy's Track team.

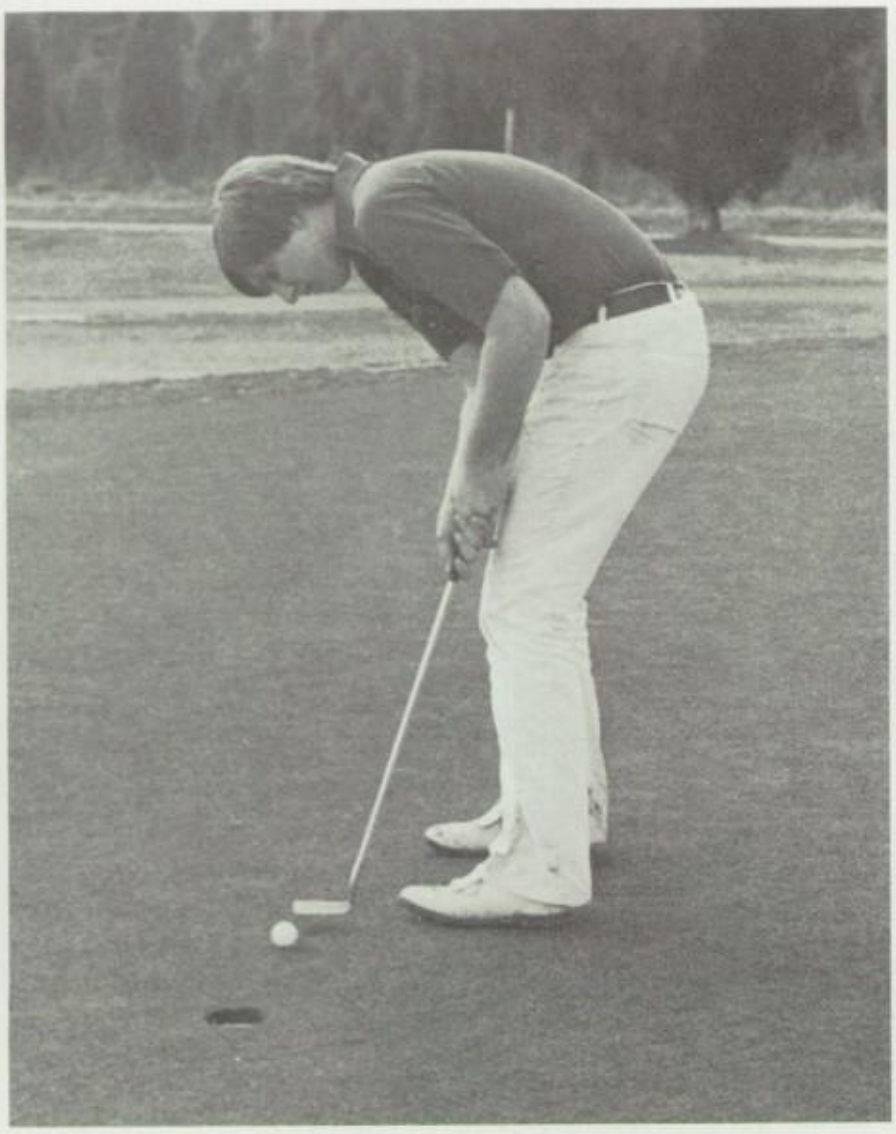
LEFT: Alvarez Abernathy takes a rest during track practice. BELOW: Bottom Row: Mike Pennington, Andre Scott, Ethan Glascow, Darryl Wallace, Dexter Maxwell, Jeff Cathy, Paul McElroy, Alvarez Abernathy, Gene Lookabill, Glen Hoppe, Vic Green, Jeff Compton, Michael Welsh, Chris Smith. Middle Row: Ken Hefner, Scott Wellman, Teddy Froneberger, Mike Samann, Hewitt Denman, Bobby Beard, Mike McMackin, Brad Elsworth, Lee Templeton, Mark Katibah, Chuck Wingo. Back Row: Todd Lee, Ted Koines, Brad Altman, Scott Echles.

Strong Team Excels Over Competition

The tennis team completed a very successful season behind the leadership of top seeded Wayne Hearn this year. Hearn, top sixteen year old in the state, was backed up by Joe Fry, Mike MacLaughlin, and ninth-grader Ben Terell. The two closest matches were against Myers Park. Coach Blanton lined his forces properly and brought the team through with flying colors.



ABOVE RIGHT: Mike MacLaughlin watches while his doubles partner serves. RIGHT: Wayne Hearn shows form that gave him top seed. ABOVE: Joe Frye flashes smile during practice. BELOW: Top Row: Coach Steve Blanton, Adam Bernstein, Mal McLean, Tom Turpin, Benji Mottesheard, Ben Terell, David Siddons, Kevin Bruce. Bottom Row: Mike MacLaughlin, Rick Cline, John Frye, Page Dula, John Pharr, Joe Frye.



44 Consecutive Wins Boost Team Spirit

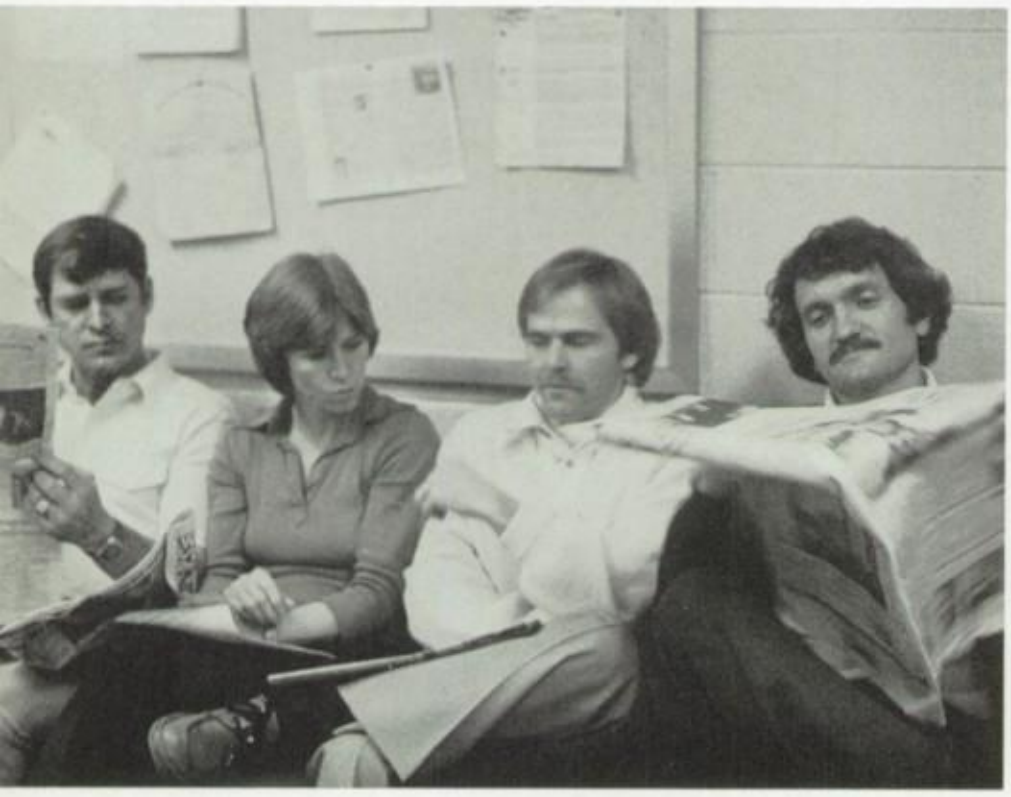
This year's golf team completed a successful season led by Coach Dennis Baldwin. Among the team was an outstanding senior, Dick Stimart, one of the best players in the state, he helped promote their rewarding season on the green. David Baker, Brian Costa, and David Farleigh, team leaders who returned from last year's play, aided the team not only in ability but team spirit also.

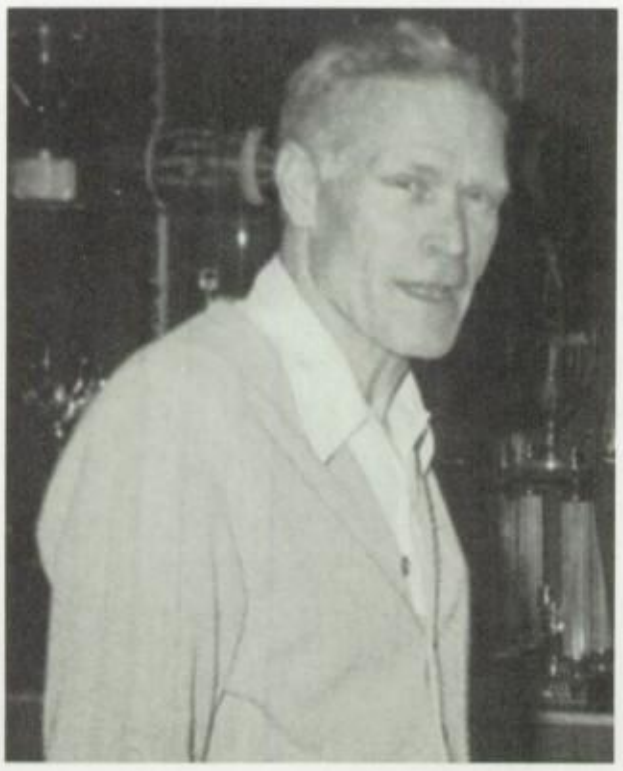
RIGHT: Shawn Muenow puts in his last putt to finish up with a par for that hole. BELOW LEFT: Will Donahue drives ball up the fairway. BELOW: Coach Dennis Baldwin demonstrates the proper style of putting the ball.

Experience Leads Talent

The coaches for this year's teams were the backbone of their success. They provided them with leadership and guidance that proved to be a leading factor in the many victories that the players experienced.

RIGHT: Coaches Seacord, Blanton, Hanes, and Hambacker discuss team strategy. BELOW RIGHT: Coaches Herb Davis, Jim Davis, and Dave Price make mental notes. BELOW: The sports section enlightens Coaches Drum, Barentine, Nixon, and Lewis.





ABOVE: Athletic Director Fred Boger collects money at an athletic event. RIGHT: Coach Watkins, and Potts talk about victories.

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To strive, to seek,
to find,
and not
to yield . . .

Dear Mr. Scott,

Thank you for being the 1st to sign your book, makes me feel like I wrote a book. Well Mr. Scott I would like to tell ya that you are an awesome teacher and that you do some dumb things sometimes. You can do some good things too. I guess you passed them though. Have a nice summer and I'll see you next year.

Love,